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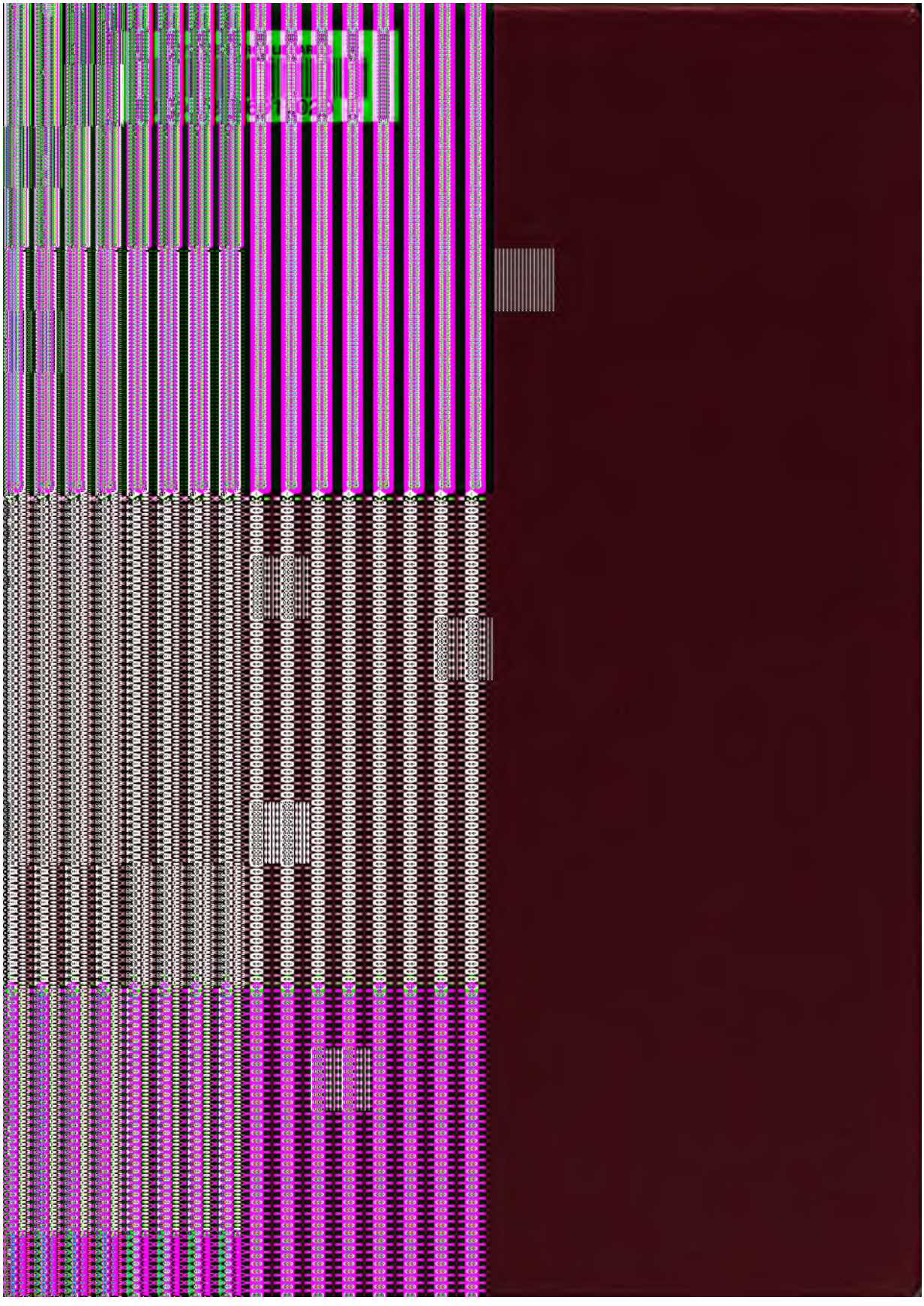

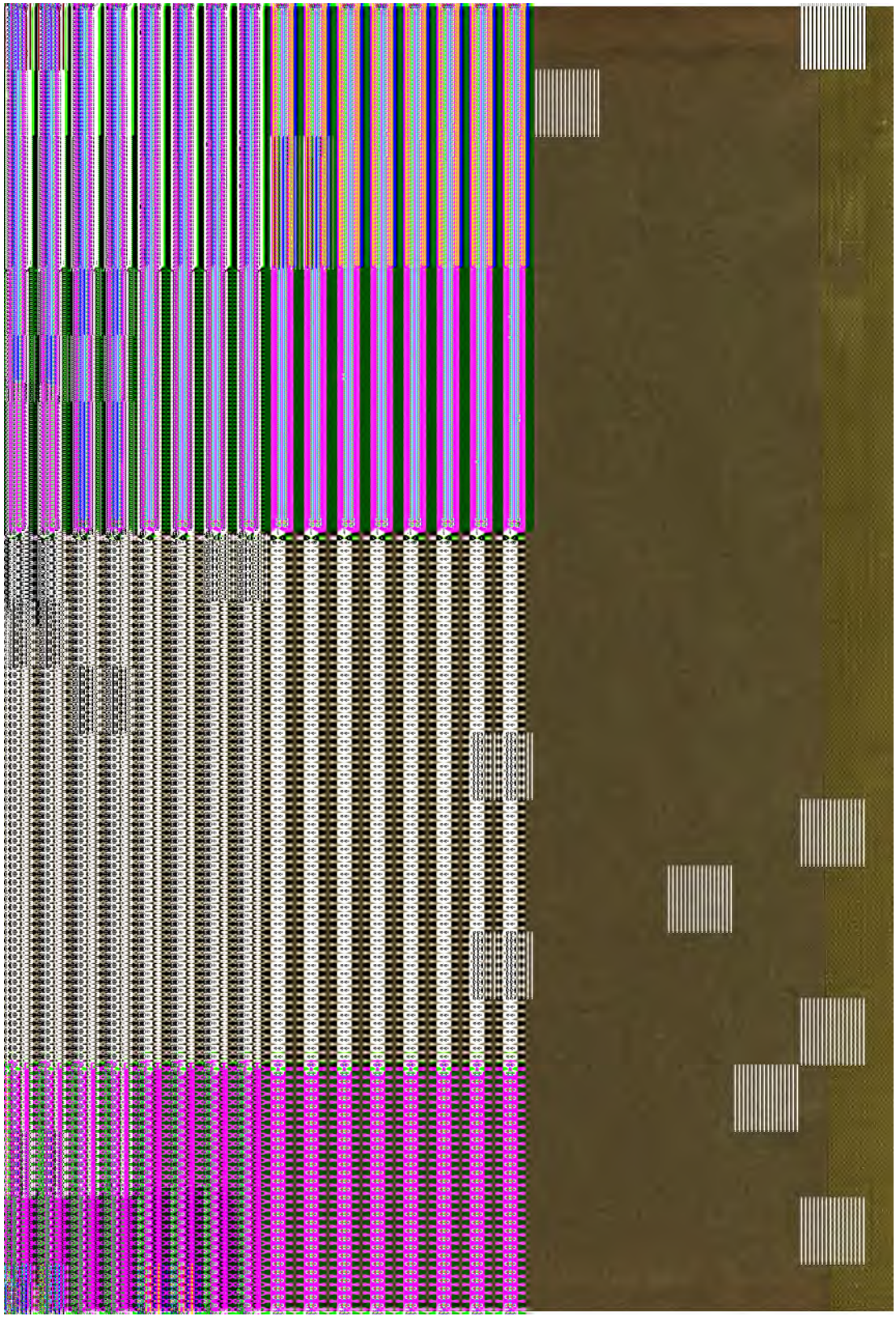

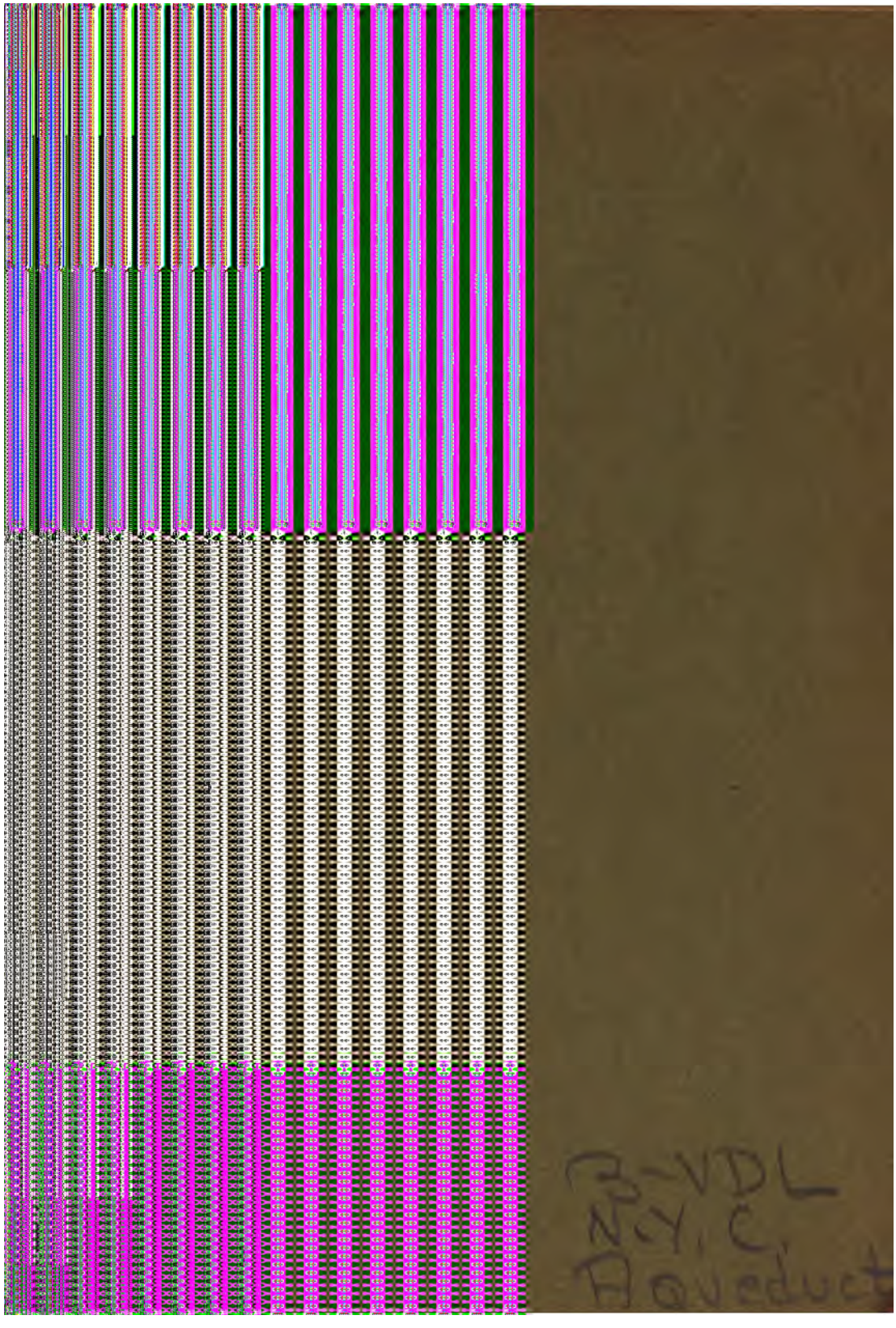
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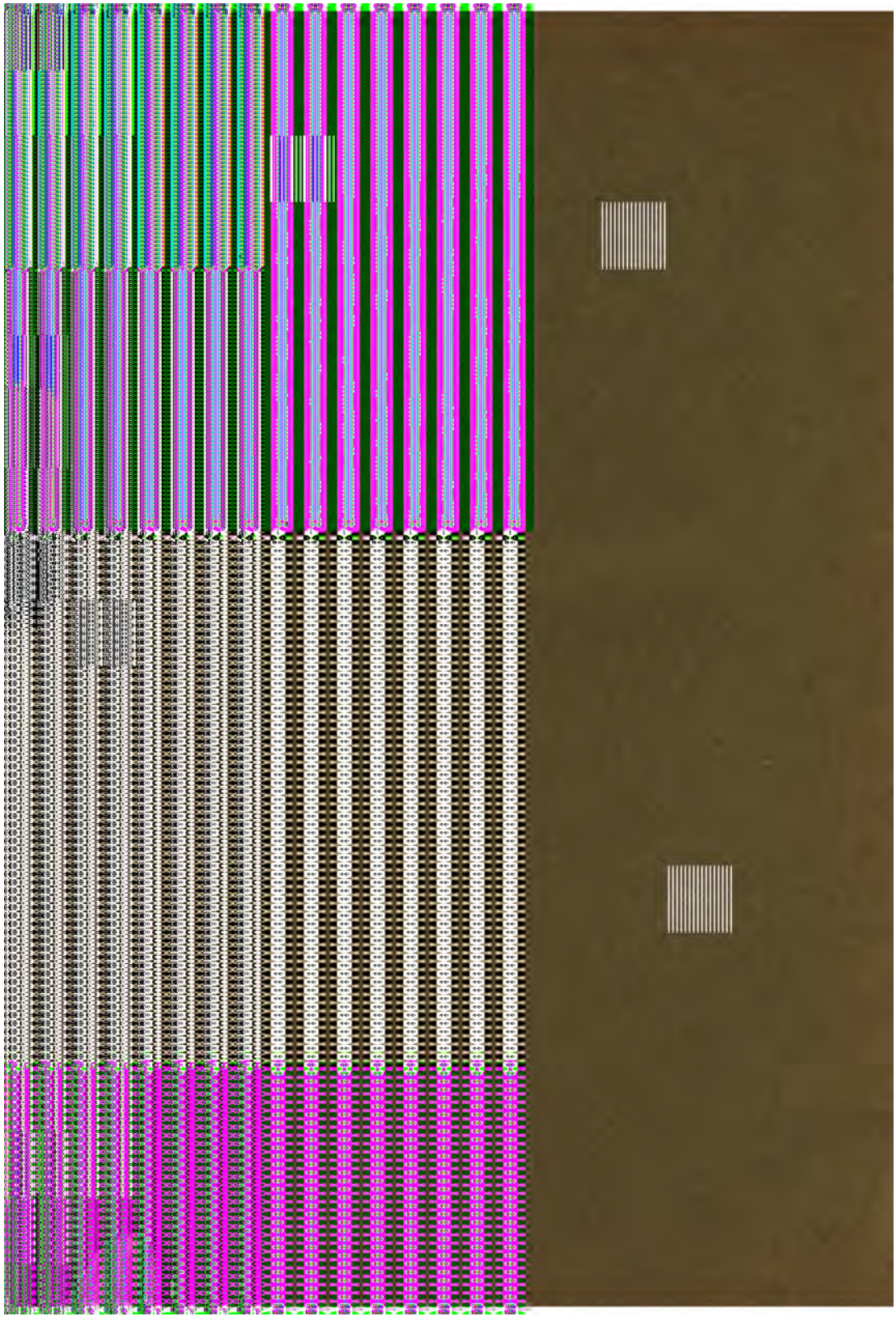

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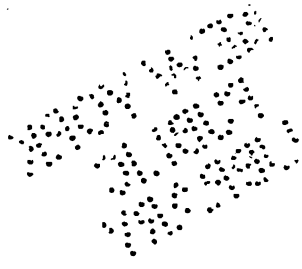

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, January 2, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of December 26, 1899, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, on behalf of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported that the statement of sale at public auction held December 19, 1899, of buildings on the New Croton Dam Division of the New Croton Aqueduct, under the direction of Peter F. Meyer & Co., auctioneers, had been examined and found correct, and that the proceeds of said sale, amounting to $447.55, had been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and that his receipt therefor was on file.

Which was approved by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit, reported that he had investigated the subject-matter of the communication of the Chief Bookkeeper of the Department of Finance, dated December 18, 1899, requesting that the entries contained in schedule accompanying said communication be made in the books of account of the Aqueduct Commissioners, the subject-matter of which was referred to him by the Construction Committee on December 22, 1899, and moved that the Bookkeeper of the Aqueduct Commissioners be directed to make the entries as requested.

Which was approved by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, January 2, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $422.50 has been received from Division Engineer Wegmann, being the amount of rents collected on buildings on the Croton River

Division of the New Aqueduct during the month of December, 1899. Said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was approved and ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, January 2, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $1,037.62 has been received from Division Engineer Gowen, being the amount of rents collected on buildings on the New Croton Dam Division of the New Aqueduct during the months of July, August, September, October, November and December, 1899. Said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was approved and ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication of the Acting Chief Engineer:

REPORT No. 141.

NEW YORK, December 30, 1899.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I have to report the failure of one of the 36-inch valves of the blow-off from Shaft No. 24 of the New Aqueduct.

It should be replaced at the earliest possible moment by a valve of special design, and I will ask authority to have such a valve as is necessary constructed and delivered on the work by the Coldwell-Wilcox Company, of Newburg, N. Y. This company has had considerable experience in such work and has done considerable work of the same kind for this Department. I think the cost of the valve delivered will not exceed $1,200.

The matter is one of such importance that it should not be delayed by asking for competitive bids, and I will add that a low bidder might not give satisfactory results, in which case this urgent work would be seriously delayed.

Yours respectfully,

ALFRED CRAVEN, Acting Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the Chief Engineer be empowered to order the work as set forth in the above communication.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Commissioners proceed to the election of officers of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Power and carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that Commissioner John J. Ryan be elected President of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Power and carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Power moved that Commissioner John P. Windolph be elected Vice-President of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Power and carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Power moved that the Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit be authorized to make arrangements to procure all legislative bills presented during the present session of the Legislature and such other information as he may deem necessary.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, January 9, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of January 2, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,237 to 13,239, inclusive, and 13,242, amounting to $105,847, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,243 to 13,259, inclusive, amounting to $293.65.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, submitted the following report:

In reference to that portion of the report hereto attached from the Commissioners of Accounts, which speaks of a difference of $27.15 existing in the books of the Aqueduct Commissioners, I most respectfully report:

That in the month of January, 1898, the Aqueduct Commissioners ordered the cancellation of four vouchers, aggregating the above sum, and which had previously been charged to the following accounts:

Hilborn Harness Agency	$3 00
John E. Barlow & Son	5 47
B. S. Palmer	8 85
H. W. Kellogg	9 83

And also to the divisions as follows:

Croton Dam Division	$12 83
New Croton Dam Division	5 47
Carmel Dam	8 85

The bookkeeper then in charge of the books in canceling the entries failed in the case of Barlow & Son to insert any amount; in the case of Kellogg he inserted the amount and added it in the footings, and in the other accounts he made the entries and did not include them in the footings, which irregular record is responsible for the difference as stated. I would add that the matter can now be rectified by canceling in red ink the above entries and include them in the additions of the several accounts.

The report was adopted and the Secretary directed to communicate the purport thereof to the Mayor, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners a communication received from Deputy Comptroller Daly of the Department of Finance, dated January 8, 1900, returning bill of Oscar E. Bates for services rendered in inspecting cast-iron pipes, amounting to $128, together with voucher for same, and stating that payment of the same could not be made owing to the refusal of the Municipal Civil Service Commission to certify, as required by section 19, chapter 370 of the Laws of 1899.

Which was laid over by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee also referred to the Commissioners the following communication of the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 142.

NEW YORK, January 9, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Mr. Dykman has made a requisition for fifty (50) copies each of the fifteen (15) land maps of the New Croton Reservoir.

As the supply of these maps is nearly exhausted, it will be necessary to have them lithographed. I believe it would be advisable to have one hundred (100) each made so that we may have a supply in the office for general use. A like number in 1896 cost $595. I recommend that you authorize the printing of the same.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the Chief Engineer be empowered to procure the maps as above set forth.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Ten Eyck, the Commissioners adjourned to meet to-morrow (Wednesday), January 10, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock, P. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Wednesday, January 10, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock P.M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

Commissioner Power moved that the Commissioners proceed to the election of the Standing Committees.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ten Eyck and carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Construction or Executive Committee of the Aqueduct Commissioners shall consist of all the members of the Aqueduct Commission.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Windolph and carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Power moved that the Committee of Finance and Audit shall consist of Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Windolph and Power.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ten Eyck and carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, January 16, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of January 9 and adjourned meeting of January 10, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,261 to 13,268, inclusive, amounting to $181.26.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary submitted the following :

NEW YORK, January 16, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—At an adjourned meeting of the Construction or Executive Committee of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held on January 10, 1900, Commissioner Maurice J. Power was elected Chairman.

Very respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary also submitted the following :

NEW YORK, January 16, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—At an adjourned meeting of the Committee of Finance and Audit of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held on January 10, 1900, Commissioner William H. Ten Eyck was elected Chairman.

Very respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary also submitted the following :

NEW YORK, January 16, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $378 has been received from Division Engineer Wegmann, being for rentals which should have been deducted from awards that have been made. Said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the action of the Secretary be approved and the communication ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, January 23, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of January 16, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,274 to 13,284, inclusive, amounting to $389.64.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented duplicate forms of certificate of necessity providing for doing certain grading, road making, etc., about the grounds of the Keeper's House at the Jerome Park Reservoir.

Which were ordered executed by the Commissioners by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners had under consideration a communication from Deputy Comptroller Daly, of the Department of Finance, dated January 8, 1900, returning bill of Oscar E. Bates for services rendered in inspecting cast-iron pipes, amounting to $128, together with voucher for same, and stating that payment of the same could not be made, owing to the refusal of the Municipal Civil Service Commission to certify, as required by section 19, chapter 370, of the Laws of 1899, which was laid over at the previous meeting.

Whereupon Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to communicate with the Municipal Civil Service Commission and request that, in view of the nature of the services rendered by Mr. Bates, the Municipal Civil Service Commission, under the authority con-

ferred upon it by section 14, sub-division 2 of the Civil Service Law, suspend the rule requiring examination in this case.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioner's Report No. 144 of the Chief Engineer, dated January 22, 1900, recommending the payment of the bill of L. A. Shove, of Brewster, N. Y., amounting to $40.85, for transportation of men and tools, etc.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare a voucher for the payment of the above-mentioned bill.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee also referred to the Commissioners the following communication:

REPORT NO. 140.

NEW YORK, December 28, 1899.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Our office building at Katonah, occupied by Division Engineer Wegmann, will be continued as headquarters for several years and will probably be then retained as a Keeper's House for the reservoir. The plumbing has become very defective, and I would recommend that it be overhauled and parts of it renewed. It is also desirable to have hot water in the building during the winter. This will necessitate a new range with a forty-gallon boiler. I have received an offer from Mr. H. W. Kellogg, of Katonah, to do the work that I think is advisable, amounting to $100 complete. I hand you herewith a copy of his letter and will ask you to authorize me to have the work mentioned therein done.

Yours respectfully,

ALFRED CRAVEN, Acting Chief Engineer.

REPORT NO. 145.

NEW YORK, January 23, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Relating to Report No. 140 of the Acting Chief Engineer, dated December 28, 1899, asking authority to do certain repairs to plumbing, etc., at the Division Engineer's office at Katonah, I would report that I have examined the plumbing of the building and find it to be in very poor condition, and I would recommend authority from you to do the work.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the authority asked for by the Chief Engineer be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communications:

REPORT NO. 143.

NEW YORK, January 16, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Report No. 133, dated November 27, 1899, and presented to you by Acting Chief Engineer Craven, having been referred to me, I herewith hand you a proposition of Mr Albert Lucius to furnish plans, specifications and estimate of the cost of iron bridges and to supervise the construction and erection of the same.

I recommend the adoption of his proposition on the ground that it is of public interest to assign this work to him because he possesses the necessary scientific qualifications.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

ALBERT LUCIUS, CIVIL AND CONSULTING ENGINEER,
No. 38 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, January 16, 1900.

The Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners of New York City:

DEAR SIRS—I shall be glad to make the plans and specifications for the here below-named highway bridge structures, satisfactory and to the approval of your Honorable Board, and inspect the material and construction and erection of same until completion and acceptance, for the sum of four thousand nine hundred and ninety-five dollars ($4,995).

Respectfully,

ALBERT LUCIUS.

List of Bridges Included in the Above Bid.

Road No.	7.	Hunter's Brook, Yorktown	1	span of	137	feet.
"	7.	"	1	"	185	"
"	7.	"	1	"	250	"
"	7.	"	1	"	185	"
"	12.	Croton dam, Yorktown	1	"	400	"
"	12.	"	1	"	125	"
"	18.	Pines creek, Yorktown	1	"	265	"
"	18.	"	1	"	265	"
"	19.	Kisco river, New Castle	1	"	79	"
"	24.	Muscoot river, Somers	1	"	104	"
"	25.	Wood's Bridge, Lewisboro	1	"	330	"
"	26.	Cross river, Bedford	1	"	104	"
"	27.	"	1	"	104	"
"	27.	Beaver Dam Brook, Bedford	1	"	50	"
"	28.	Cross river, Bedford	1	"	64	"
"	31.	Upper Plum Brook, Somers	1	"	104	"
"	32.	Lower Plum Brook, Somers	1	"	104	"
"	33.	Golden's Bridge across Croton river, Lewisboro	2	spans of	154	"
"	35.	Purdy's Station across Croton river, Lewisboro	1	span of	43	"
"	35.	" "	1	"	124	"
"	35.	" "	1	"	43	"
"	36.	Draw Bridge across Croton river, Lewisboro	1	"	129	"

A. LUCIUS.

Commissioner Power moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved and that he be empowered to proceed with the work above referred to.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission :

NEW YORK, January 19, 1900.

HARRY W. WALKER, ESQ., *Secretary, Aqueduct Commissioners' Office, Manhattan* :

DEAR SIR—I beg to herewith inform you that Edward E. de Lancey, No. 15 Maurice avenue, Sing Sing, has successfully passed his examination for promotion to Assistant Engineer, Fifth Grade, Aqueduct Department, with a percentage of 90.90 per cent., and is, therefore, now eligible for promotion to that position.

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Power moved that Edward E. de Lancey be promoted to the grade of Assistant Engineer, with salary at $1,800 per annum, to take effect February 1, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners a circular letter received from F. G. Ireland, Chief Examiner of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated January 4, 1900, concerning Rule 38 of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, which requires that "there shall be kept in every office continuous and comparative records of the efficiency, punctuality, attention and general good conduct of all persons employed therein," etc.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the communication be ordered filed, and that the Secretary and Chief Engineer be instructed to comply with the rule, and that a copy of the letter be transmitted to the Chief Engineer.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The President submitted a communication received from the State Civil Service Commission, dated January 15, 1900, stating that at a meeting of that Commission, held on January 12, 1900, a resolution was adopted approving the action of the Municipal Civil Service Commission in amending the classifications of positions in the office of the Aqueduct Commissioners by including in Schedule "F" the position of "Purveyor"; and that the resolution adopted by the Municipal Civil Service Commission exempting the positions of Consulting Engineer and Assistant Secretary, and to the placing of the same in Schedule "A," Part I. of the classifications of positions in the Aqueduct Commission, be referred to Commissioner Burt of the State Civil Service Commission for examination and report.

The President also submitted a communication received from Hon. Silas W. Burt, State Civil Service Commissioner, dated January 17, 1900, requesting information concerning the classification of the position of Consulting Engineer and the transfer of the Assistant Secretary from the exempt class.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the matter be referred to the President.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph –4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, January 30, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of January 23, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,286 to 13,294, inclusive, amounting to $292.28.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, submitted the following:

NEW YORK, January 23, 1900.

Mr. FRANK P. MASTERSON, *Auditor:*

DEAR SIR—I beg to inform you that, pursuant to your orders of recent date, I have made the corrected entries, so that at the present time the books of the Aqueduct Commissioners agree with those of the Comptroller, with but one exception, as regards the Commissioners of Appraisal "Services" and "Awards". I find that in the Putnam County Section "Services" a credit entry of $300, being rent collected in that county on property owned and controlled by the Aqueduct Commissioners, and through error of Bookkeeper, was entered in 1891 as a credit in this Commissioners of Appraisal when it should have been credited to Miscellaneous Receipts—Rent Account. I therefore request you to obtain for me the permission to change same, and thus make our books agree in every particular as regards Commissioners of Appraisal with the Comptroller's.

Respectfully,

JAMES H. O'BRIEN, Bookkeeper.

I approve the above and recommend that the request be granted.

FRANK P. MASTERSON, Auditor.

—and moved that the permission therein requested be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners a circular letter, dated January 17, 1900, received from the Secretary of the Board of City Record, requesting that all applications to the Board of City Record for designation of newspapers in which to publish advertisements must be forwarded to the Supervisor of the City Record in ample season to permit the Board of City Record to take action on such requests, and that all advertisements intended for publication in the CITY RECORD must be received at the City Record office not later than 12 M. on the day prior to the date of such publication.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented duplicate forms of certificate of necessity providing for building and repairing certain fences along the right-of-way where the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad passes through lands taken for the New Croton Reservoir.

Which were ordered executed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary also presented duplicate forms of certificate of necessity for furnishing certain castings required for the work at the New Croton Dam of the New Aqueduct.

Which were ordered executed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary also presented duplicate forms of certificate of necessity providing for the preparing of plans, specifications and estimate of the cost of certain bridges in connection with the new highways at the New Croton Dam Storage Reservoir, and to reconstruct and change certain railroad bridges affected by the construction of said storage reservoir; also for the supervision of the construction and erection of said bridges.

Which were ordered executed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The President reported that, in accordance with the request of the Commissioners, at their previous meeting, he had addressnd a communication to State Civil Service Commissioner Silas W. Burt, on January 29, 1900, concerning the classification of the position of Consulting Engineer and the transferring of the position of Assistant Secretary from the competitive to the exempt class. (See President's Letter Book, Vol. 2, p. 245.)

Which was approved by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, February 6, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of January 30, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,296 to 13,299, inclusive, amounting to $92,654.23, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,300 to 13,312, inclusive, amounting to $341.37.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication of the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 146.

NEW YORK, February 6, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to respectfully request authority to order the lithographing of the contract drawings for the Muscoot Dam, the estimated cost of which is $250.

Very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the authority asked for be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, February 6, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $308.75 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Wegmann, being the amount of rents collected on buildings on the Croton

River Division of the New Croton Aqueduct during the month of January, 1900, said buildings being owned by the City of New York and under the control of the Aqueduct Commissioners. Said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the action of the Secretary be approved and the communication ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 2, 1900.

Hon. HARRY W. WALKER, *Secretary, Aqueduct Commission*, No. 280 Broadway, City :

DEAR SIR—I beg to advise you that, on January 29, 1900, the sum of one million seven hundred and forty-nine thousand six hundred and ten dollars and fifty cents ($1,749,610.50) was deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," being

Bonds sold	$1,650,000 00
Premium on same	99,610 50

Respectfully,

EDGAR J. LEVEY, Deputy Comptroller.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the same be spread on the minutes and filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of December 31, 1899, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for—

Cornell Dam	$20,900 43
Reservoir "D"	161 00
Double Reservoir "I"	141 66

—and stating that bonds had been issued to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund" on December 14 ..... $200,000 00

—leaving a balance to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund" of $78,904 65

Which was ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, February 13, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The Commissioners adjourned to meet to-morrow (Wednesday), February 14, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Wednesday, February 14, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of February 6, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,313 to 13,318, inclusive, amounting to $187.87.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication of the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 147.

NEW YORK, February 13, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Prior to perfecting the plans for a settling basin proposed to be built on the line of the Aqueduct near Dunwoodie, it will be necessary to dig some test-pits to make an examination for a permanent foundation.

I respectfully ask authority to secure bids for the necessary labor and materials for doing the above-mentioned work. It is almost impossible to make a definite estimate of the cost of this work, but I think it will be in the neighborhood of about $500.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the authority asked for be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented a notice of lien filed by David F. Toumey, attorney, for John Hartmayer, Jr., against Kelly & Kelley, contractors for building overflow and blow-off sewers, etc., in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of the Bronx, of the City of New York, for the sum of $47.55.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the same be ordered filed and that the Comptroller be notified of the filing of the lien in this office.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners a communication received from F. A. Spencer, Labor Clerk, Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated February 2, 1900, concerning the rules governing the employment, discharge, etc., of persons employed in Schedule "G."

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee also referred to the Commissioners a request of P. C. Cowan, Chief Engineering Inspector, Local Government Board, Dublin, Ireland, for a copy of the Aqueduct Commissioners' Report.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the request be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication :

EDWARD J. GAVEGAN,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,
No. 100 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, January 12, 1900.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commissioner*, 280 Broadway, New York City :

DEAR SIR—I desire to recall to the attention of your Honorable Board the matter of Mrs. Margaret Silk, of the town of Southeast, Putnam County, N. Y., and to request a reconsideration of the same upon the grounds that new conditions have arisen since it was last acted upon by your Commission.

If you will kindly instruct me as to the time and place of hearing and method of presentation and procedure adopted by your Commission, I shall see to it that the matter is duly and properly placed before you.

Very truly yours,

E. J. GAVEGAN.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the Secretary be directed to transmit to Mr. Gavegan copies of the correspondence and the action heretofore taken in regard to the claim.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of January 31, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for

Reservoir "D"	$642 40
Reservoir "M"	8 25
Double Reservoir "I"	202 12
Cornell Dam	49,891 01

—and stating that bonds had been issued for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," as follows:

January 29	$1,650,000 00
Premium	99,610 50

Leaving a balance to the credit of said fund of $1,655,971.10.

Which was ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, February 20, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of meetings of February 13 and 14, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13325 to 13333, inclusive, amounting to $193.73.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners a communication received from F. A. Spencer, Labor Clerk, Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated February 14, 1900, stating that in making requisitions to fill positions in Schedule "G" it will be necessary to certify in each case that there are no persons eligible for reinstatement under the title given, and requesting to be furnished with a list of persons who have been separated from the Aqueduct Commission within one year, for all positions in Schedule "G."

Commissioner Windolph moved that the Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication above referred to and to comply with the same.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, February 20, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $133.50 has been received from Division Engineer Gowen, being the amount of rents collected on buildings on the New Croton Dam Division of the New Aqueduct during the month of January, 1900, said buildings being owned by

The City of New York and under the control of the Aqueduct Commissioners. Said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the action of the Secretary be approved and the communication ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication of the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 148.

NEW YORK, February 20, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to inform you that, in my opinion, there are more men employed at the Jerome Park Reservoir and at Shaft No. 25 than are required at present.

I would recommend the dismissal of two (2) Superintendents of Dam Construction and of two (2) Laborers at Jerome Park Reservoir and two (2) men at Shaft No. 25.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Power moved the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The Chief Engineer has reported (Report No. 148) that more persons are employed than are now required at the Jerome Park Reservoir and at Shaft No. 25 of the New Croton Aqueduct; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and hereby are discharged from the service of the Aqueduct Commissioners, to take effect at the close of to-morrow, February 21, 1900:

Jerome Park Reservoir.

John H. Slingerland, Superintendent of Dam Construction.

Andrew J. Sparrow, Superintendent of Dam Construction.

John McCormick, Laborer.

John McKeon, Laborer.

Shaft No. 25.

Robert L. Fraser, Journeyman Machinist.

Samuel Hopkins, Journeyman Machinist.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, February 27, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of February 20, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,335 to 13,342, inclusive, amounting to $120.98.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication of the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 150.

NEW YORK, February 27, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—There are several places along the Croton river where it will be necessary to construct temporary fences to prevent cattle from polluting the water.

Mr. Wegmann reports that the work and material would cost from three hundred (300) to three hundred and fifty (350) dollars.

I would respectfully ask for authority to have the fences built.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the authority asked for by the Chief Engineer be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, February 26, 1900.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commissioners :*

DEAR SIR—In accordance with the provisions of section 2, chapter 490, Laws of 1883, I herewith transmit, with my signature and the signature of the Chief Engineer of this Department thereto, the amended map or plan showing the roads to be built around the Cornell Reservoir.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Commissioner Power moved that the matter be referred to the Chief Engineer to report complete.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners adjourned to meet Thursday, March 1, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

JEFFERSON GROUB, Acting Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Thursday, March 1, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

Present - Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, March 6, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

On motion of Commissioner Ten Eyck, the Commissioners adjourned to meet to-morrow (Wednesday), March 7, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

JEFFERSON GROUB, Acting Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Wednesday, March 7, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of February 27, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13344 to 13346, inclusive, amounting to $68,204.69, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13347 to 13359, inclusive, amounting to $1,078.05.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee presented amended map, submitted by the Commissioner of Water Supply on February 26, 1900, as ordered made by the Supreme Court on December 29, 1899, and amended January 6, 1900, showing the real estate owned or to be acquired by The City of New York which it is proposed to substitute in place of other real estate now used for highway purposes ; and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the amended map received from the Commissioner of Water Supply on February 26, 1900, being the amended map ordered made by the Supreme Court on December 29, 1899, and amended January 6, 1900, showing the real estate owned or to be acquired by The City of New York, which it is proposed to substitute in place of other real estate now used for highway purposes, being Index Map and Sheets A, B and C prime, of proposed new highways in the environs of the New Croton Reservoir in the towns of Cortlandt, Yorktown, New Castle, Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem and Somers, Westchester County, New York, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, and directed to be certified to the Corporation Counsel for filing, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 490, Laws of 1883, and as amended by chapter 196

of the Laws of 1887; and the Corporation Counsel is hereby requested to take the necessary proceedings in accordance with said laws.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission:

NEW YORK, February 26, 1900.

HARRY W. WALKER, ESQ., *Secretary, Aqueduct Commission, No. 280 Broadway, City:*

DEAR SIR—Your letter of January 24, requesting the Municipal Civil Service Commission to authorize the payment of the bill of Mr. Oscar E. Bates, amounting to $128, for services rendered in inspecting the metal and the manufacture of cast-iron water-pipes at the Camden Iron Works, was placed before the Commission at its last meeting, and, after consideration, the request was denied for lack of power on the part of the Civil Service Commission.

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the communication be ordered filed, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Chief Engineer for his information.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication received from the Chief Engineer:

NEW YORK, February 27, 1900.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commissioners:*

DEAR SIR—Responding to your inquiry relating to the qualifications of Mr. George S. Rice, I would say that I have known of him for many years, and have always heard him spoken of in the highest respect, both as to his character and professional ability. He held the position of Deputy Chief Engineer of this Commission from July, 1887, to July, 1891. He performed his important duties in a creditable and fearless manner.

I should consider him fully qualified to fill the important position of Deputy Chief Engineer for the Rapid Transit Commissioners, and I would think that the Commission would be very fortunate if they could secure his services.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

In connection therewith the Acting Secretary stated that, by direction of the President, a copy of the above communication had been transmitted to the President of the Rapid Transit Commission.

Which was approved by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

JEFFERSON GROUB, Acting Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, March 13, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of meetings of March 1, 6 and 7, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,361 to 13,363, inclusive, amounting to $1,930.55.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, March 13, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $330.50 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Wegmann, being the amount of rent collected on the Croton River Division of the New Aqueduct during the month of February, 1900, on buildings owned by The City of New York, and under the control of the Aqueduct Commissioners, which amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was approved and ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was also received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, March 13, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $104 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Gowen, being the amount of rent collected on the New Croton Dam Division of

the New Aqueduct during the month of February, 1900, on buildings owned by The City of New York, and under the control of the Aqueduct Commissioners, which amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was approved and ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners an application of U. B. Phillips, Librarian of the University of Georgia, for a copy of the Aqueduct Commissioners' report.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to forward a copy of the report to the University of Georgia.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee recommended the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, It having appeared since the dismissal of John H. Slingerland on February 21, last, that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the Civil War; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said John H. Slingerland be and he is hereby reinstated to his former position as Superintendent of Dam Construction; and the Secretary is hereby directed to notify the Municipal Civil Service Commission thereof.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller under date of February 28, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for

Cornell Dam	$185,263 11
Double Reservoir "I"	723 20
Reservoir "D"	1,202 05
Sodom Dam	236 50
	$187,424 86
—leaving a balance to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund" of	$1,355,474 16

Which was ordered entered upon the books and filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Power, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Thursday, March 15, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Thursday, March 15, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, March 20, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The Commissioners then adjourned to meet on Thursday, March 22, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Thursday, March 22, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of meetings of March 13, 15 and 20, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13368 to 13376, inclusive, amounting to $399.39.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication of the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 153.

NEW YORK, March 20, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—Relating to the complaint of the Bedford Park Taxpayers' Association, which you referred to me at your meeting on March 7, in reference to the inactivity of the work on the Potter place sewer, I would report that the work of laying the masonry was discontinued about the middle of January on account of the severe weather.

Orders have been given the contractors to proceed with the work. The Potter place sewer is expected to be completed about May 15, 1900.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the communication be ordered filed and the Secretary directed to reply to the Bedford Park Taxpayers' Association in accordance with the facts reported by the Chief Engineer.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the two affidavits submitted by Andrew J. Sparrow, who was discharged on February 21 last, concerning his service as a Volunteer Fireman in the village of Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the matter be referred back to the Construction or Executive Committee, with a request to them to examine into the matter and to report.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, dated March 17, 1900, calling attention to a claim for $368 filed in the Department of Finance by one John Whalen, for services as Foreman of Laborers in the Engineer Corps of the Aqueduct Commissioners, and requesting information concerning the same.

Which was referred to the Secretary by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from H. T. Dykman, dated March 19, 1900, concerning a reduction in the assessed valuation of the gate-house and other superstructures belonging to The City of New York in the Town of Yorktown, N. Y.

Which was referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the matter of the charges preferred by the Secretary against James H. O'Brien, Clerk and Bookkeeper.

In connection therewith, the President stated that he had directed the Secretary to cause a communication to be left at the residence of James H. O'Brien, notifying him to appear before the Aqueduct Commissioners at their meeting to-day to answer the charges referred to, a copy of which charges were transmitted to said O'Brien (see Secretary's Letter Book, vol. 17, p. 508).

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the above action of the President be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck also moved that, as said James H. O'Brien had failed to appear, pursuant to the notice above referred to, that a second notice be served upon him at his present address by registered letter, requesting him to appear before the Aqueduct Commissioners, at their meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M., to answer the said charges, and that a copy of the charges be inclosed in said registered letter.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York, the President of this Commission be and he is hereby authorized and directed

to enter into a lease with the owner of the Stewart Building, in said city, for the occupancy of Rooms Nos. 206, 207, 211, 213, 214, 215 and 216 by the Aqueduct Commissioners for one year from May 1, 1900, at a rental of seven thousand five hundred dollars ($7,500) per annum, payable quarterly at the expiration of each quarter.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, March 27, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of adjourned meeting of March 22, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13379 to 13383, inclusive, amounting to $216.23.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The President submitted a letter of resignation of James H. O'Brien, Clerk and Bookkeeper, to take effect April 1, 1900.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the resignation of James H. O'Brien, Clerk and Bookkeeper, be accepted, to take effect on April 1, 1900, the date named therein, and that the letter be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Power, the Commissioners adjourned to meet to-morrow (Wednesday), March 28, 1900, at 10.45 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Wednesday, March 28, 1900, at 10.45 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of March 27, 1900, were read and approved.

Report No. 154, dated March 27, 1900, was received from the Chief Engineer, asking authority to modify the specifications relating to the quality of brick to be used to construct the sewers in connection with the contract of Kelly & Kelley, contractors for building overflow and blow-off sewers, water-pipes, etc., in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Report No. 155, dated March 27, 1900, was received from the Chief Engineer, asking authority to modify the plan of the wall to inclose the Jerome Park Reservoir.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 156.

NEW YORK, March 27, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I beg to inform you that on the Croton River Division there are many buildings on parcels of land on which the awards and final payments have been made.

If approved by you, I will have the buildings sold at auction, and I would set the date of the sale to be May 16, 1900.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the President and Secretary be authorized to arrange for the sale at public auction of the buildings above referred to.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The President submitted a communication received from the Department of Finance, dated March 19, 1900, transmitting one sheet covering the claims filed in the Department of Finance by Abraham Clerke, Laborer ; Samuel Hopkins, Machinist, and George Hopey, Axemen, claiming that they are entitled to receive from The City of New York certain amounts representing the difference between the compensation actually paid to them and that which at prevailing rates of wages they should have been allowed ; and requesting such information as the records of the Aqueduct Commissioners show in the case of each of said claimants as to the period of actual service, the rate of compensation which has been allowed, and the total amount allowed and certified in favor of each claimant during the period covered by his claim, etc.

Which was referred to the Secretary for report by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Power, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Friday, March 30, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—On Friday, March 30, 1900, no quorum being present, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, April 3, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of adjourned meeting of March 28, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,385 to 13,390, inclusive, amounting to $127.30, and of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,391 and 13,392, amounting to $43,852.27.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Committee of Finance and Audit recommended that the Commissioners direct the Secretary to examine the tax bill, as suggested in the following communication of H. T. Dykman:

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 19, 1900.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commission:*

DEAR SIR—I beg to advise you that the assessors of the Town of Yorktown assessed the gate-house and other superstructures belonging to the City of New York at the sum of $160,000. Considering this assessment illegal, the question was argued before his Honor Justice Keogh, at White Plains on Saturday last, with the result that a decision was procured reducing our assessed value from the above sum of $160,000 to the sum of $150. I would thank you to have your Secretary make a note of this reduction, and in this connection he should examine your tax bill to see whether or not any superstructures are taxed in any town in this county.

Yours respectfully,

H. T. DYKMAN.

The recommendation was approved and the communication ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Pursuant to the direction given to the Secretary at the previous meeting in regard to the communication received from the Department of Finance, dated March 19, 1900, requesting information relative to the claims filed in said Department by Abraham Clerke, Laborer; Samuel Hopkins, Machinist, and George Hopey, Axeman, the Secretary submitted three reports giving the facts in the case of each of said claimants, as shown by the records of the Aqueduct Commissioners (see Secretary's Letter-book, vol. 17, pp. 528, 529, 530).

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to transmit copies of said reports to the Comptroller.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 157.

NEW YORK, March 30, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the authority given me by a resolution passed by your Honorable Board on February 14, 1900, I have received a proposal from Mr. John Twiname to sink testpits on the line of the Aqueduct near Dunwoodie.

He proposes to do the work and to furnish the men with the necessary tools at the following rates:

	Per day.
Foreman	$3 50
Common Labor	1 75
Skilled Labor	2 50
Teams	4 50

I recommend that the work be assigned to Mr. Twiname.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved, and that he be granted authority to have the work done.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 158.

NEW YORK, March 31, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with a resolution passed on August 6, 1890, fixing the salaries of Division Engineers assigned to the superintendence of dam construction at the rate of $4,000

per annum, I hereby respectfully recommend that the salary of Mr. Edward Wegmann, who has lately been placed in charge of Jerome Park Reservoir, be increased from $3,600 to $4,000 per annum, in accordance with the resolution above mentioned.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Which was laid over by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT No. 159.

NEW YORK, March 30, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby respectfully recommend that the salary of Mr. Benjamin L. Blauvelt, Rodman, be increased from $900 to $1,000 per annum, because of the capable and faithful performance of the duties assigned to him.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Which was laid over by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Report No. 160, dated April 3, 1900, was received from the Chief Engineer, submitting a preliminary report for conveying water from Jerome Park Reservoir across Harlem river.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the same be referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred the following communication of the Chief Engineer to the Commissioners with a recommendation that the authority asked for therein be granted :

REPORT NO. 154.

NEW YORK, March 27, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with Article 3 of the specifications of the contract of Messrs. Kelly & Kelley for "Building Overflow and Blowoff Sewers, Water Pipes and Appurtenances in connection with Jerome Park Reservoir," I hereby ask authority to modify the specifications relating to the quality of brick to be used to construct the sewers.

The plans provide that the invert portion of the inner ring of the sewer should be made of vitrified brick, the balance to be of common brick.

In Potter place we are to lay two (2) 48-inch water-mains in the same trench with the sewer, while in Jerome avenue we are to lay a 48-inch water-main above the sewer.

I deem it advisable to construct the sewer as impervious to water as is possible, otherwise should a leak occur from the water-mains the water would find its way into the sewer and leave no evidence of a leak, which might continue for a long time.

I ask authority in accordance with the above-mentioned article of the specifications to use vitrified brick in the inner ring of the sewer in Potter place and in the entire sewer in Jerome avenue.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved and that the Chief Engineer be granted the authority asked for.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Andrew J. Sparrow, dated March 29, 1900, asking if the proofs submitted by him in connection with his service and honorable discharge as a volunteer fireman in the Village of Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., was valid and acceptable as such proof.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the two affidavits submitted by Andrew J. Sparrow, who was discharged on February 21, 1900, concerning his service and honorable discharge as a volunteer fireman in the village of Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., with the recommendation that the matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion, and that the Secretary be directed to notify said Andrew J. Sparrow to this effect.

Which was approved by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented the following report :

NEW YORK, March 20, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—In reference to the communication of the Comptroller, dated March 17, 1900, calling attention to the claim of John Whalen for services as Foreman of Laborers, I beg to report :

John Whalen was appointed Foreman on December 27, 1898, at $4 per day, and commenced work on December 28 following. He continued in the service of the Aqueduct Commissioners and was paid at the rate of $4 per day to and including May 29, 1899. The Chief Engineer, in a communication addressed to President Ryan on June 1, 1899, reported that said Whalen "has been informed that his services would not be required after May 29, 1899," which communication was ordered filed on June 6, 1899, by the Commissioners. Whalen performed no service after May 29, 1899.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Power moved that the report be ordered filed, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy thereof to the Comptroller.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, April 10, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of April 3, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimate contained in Voucher No. 13,394, amounting to $43,626.37, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,395 to 13,404, inclusive, amounting to $404.92.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the accompanying bill for highway taxes for 1900, due the Town of Somers, Westchester County, N. Y., amounting to two hundred and seventy-four dollars and sixty-six cents ($274.66), is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred back to the Commissioners the following communication of the Chief Engineer, with the recommendation that the authority asked for be granted:

REPORT NO. 155.

NEW YORK, March 27, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby ask authority to modify the plan of the wall to inclose Jerome Park Reservoir.

The plans provide that where the rock is to be excavated, the wall shall be laid on the rock on a slope of one horizontal to one vertical. At many places the rock is seamy and stratified in

a direction contrary to the slope of the wall. This condition makes it almost impossible to excavate the rock on a slope of one to one, and to make a water-tight wall thereon.

I hereby ask authority, at such places as may be advisable, to have the rock excavated on a steeper slope and to face it with a wall of rubble masonry.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Which was approved by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 161.

NEW YORK, April 9, 1900.

To the Honorable the Committee on Construction:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully recommend for payment the accompanying bill of F. A. Canney, amounting to $6, for necessary hauling at New Croton Dam during 1899.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare a voucher for the payment of the above-mentioned bill.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 162.

NEW YORK, April 9, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to inform you that Patrick Fitzpatrick, Laborer, detailed at Jerome Park Reservoir, died on April 5, 1900.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 163.

NEW YORK, April 9, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Referring to the communication of Mr. J. S. Coleman, President of the Croton Quarry Company, dated February 20, 1900, I would report that the land which they offer for sale is a tract containing 38.05 acres. Under our ordinary rule of purchasing, fixing the outline of the property at 250 feet beyond the flow-line, we would require 32½ acres of the tract, leaving 7.55

acres to which there is no right-of-way. I would recommend purchasing the entire tract. Adjoining this property we will require 2.04 acres of land now owned by William Knight.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 164.

NEW YORK, April 9, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to inform you that the excavation along the westerly side of Jerome Park Reservoir discloses the material to be very fine sand and clay. In my opinion it would be unsafe to build a slope-wall upon it. I respectfully ask authority to modify the plans by substituting a retaining-wall instead of slope and core walls.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the authority asked for by the Chief Engineer be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication of the Chief Engineer, which was laid over at the previous meeting, was then considered:

REPORT NO. 158.

NEW YORK, March 31, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with a resolution passed on August 6, 1890, fixing the salaries of Division Engineers assigned to the superintendence of dam construction at the rate of $4,000 per annum, I hereby respectfully recommend that the salary of Mr. Edward Wegmann, who has lately been placed in charge of Jerome Park Reservoir, be increased from $3,600 to $4,000 per annum, in accordance with the resolution above-mentioned.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the salary of Division Engineer Edward Wegmann be increased from $3,600 to $4,000 per annum, to take effect as of April 1, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication of the Chief Engineer, which was laid over at the previous meeting, was then considered:

REPORT NO. 159.

NEW YORK, March 30, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby respectfully recommend that the salary of Mr. Benjamin L. Blauvelt, Rodman, be increased from $900 to $1,000 per annum, because of the capable and faithful performance of the duties assigned to him.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the salary of Benjamin L. Blauvelt, Rodman, be increased from $900 to $1,000 per annum, to take effect as of April 1, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Power moved that, inasmuch as the resignation of the Bookkeeper in the office of the Aqueduct Commissioners had been accepted to take effect on April 1, 1900, and as Frank P. Masterson, Auditor, has been placed in charge of the books of account of the Commission, in addition to the performance of the duties of Auditor, that the salary of said Frank P. Masterson be increased from $1,800 per annum to $2,100 per annum, the same to take effect as of April 1, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

"Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the renewal by the Aqueduct Commissioners of the lease of the rooms in the Stewart Building, No. 280 Broadway, known as Nos. 206, 207, 211, 213, 214, 215 and 216, for one year, from May 1, 1900, at a rental of seventy-five hundred dollars ($7,500) per annum, payable quarterly at the expiration of each quarter.

"A true copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment April 3, 1900.

"CHAS. V. ADEE, Clerk."

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The President presented a communication received from John T. Nagle, Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Statistics, dated April 6, 1900, requesting to be furnished with a copy of the report of the Aqueduct Commissioners for the year 1899.

Commissioner Power moved that the Secretary be directed to communicate with Mr. Nagle in connection with the foregoing.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, April 17, 1900, the Commissioners adjourned to meet to-morrow (Wednesday), April 18, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Wednesday, April 18, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of April 10, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the following bills for State, county and town taxes for the year 1899, on property taken in fee by The City of New York for the construction of the New Croton Aqueduct, reservoirs, etc., are hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment, viz.:

Town of Cortlandt, N. Y.	$651 74
Town of Yorktown, N. Y.	776 77
Town of Lewisboro, N. Y.	679 10
Town of Somers, N. Y.	755 62
Town of North Salem, N. Y.	1,058 16
Town of New Castle, N. Y.	211 89

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,409 to 13,416, inclusive, amounting to $4,143.88.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the accompanying voucher in favor of Oscar E. Bates, for inspecting cast-iron pipes, amounting to one hundred and twenty-eight dollars, be and the same is hereby canceled.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 165.

NEW YORK, April 17, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—The following is a copy of a letter that I have received:

NO. 279 WEST ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND STREET,
NEW YORK, April 13, 1900.

WILLIAM R. HILL, Esq., *Chief Engineer:*

DEAR SIR—In consequence of my continuous ill health, I beg leave to tender to you my resignation as a machinist under the Aqueduct Commissioners. Hoping you will accept the same I remain,

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) R. D. PHILBIN.

I would recommend that the resignation be accepted.

Yours respectfully,
W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the resignation be accepted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Report No. 166 was received from the Chief Engineer, dated April 17, 1900, calling notice to the necessity of an early agreement or settlement with the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company of the compensation to be paid to them for the right to flood certain portions of their right-of-way and for the work of changing the route and grade on the line of the Harlem, Mahopac and Putnam Divisions.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the report be referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, April 17, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $249 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Craven, being the amount of rents collected on buildings on the Croton River

Division of the New Croton Aqueduct during the month of March, 1900, which amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the communication be ordered filed and the action of the Secretary be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, April 17, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $121 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Gowen, being the amount of rent collected on buildings on the New Croton Dam Division of the New Croton Aqueduct during the month of March, 1900. Said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the communication be ordered filed and the action of the Secretary be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the American Surety Company, dated April 16, 1900, transmitting assignment (in triplicate) made by Kelly & Kelley, contractors, for building overflow and blow-off sewers, etc., in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir, to the American Surety Company of retained percentages to the extent of $3,300, and requesting the approval of the Aqueduct Commissioners to such assignment.

Which was laid over by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A circular letter was received from the Secretary of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated April 16, 1900, calling attention to certain extracts from the Municipal Civil Service Rules concerning transfers, promotion, suspension, resignation, death or removal, etc., and requesting to be furnished with a list of persons formerly employed in the Aqueduct Commission under titles represented in Schedules B to F, inclusive, and who have been separated therefrom since April 15, 1899.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the Secretary be directed to comply, and that the communication be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Hon. A. E. Orr, President of the Rapid Transit Commission, stating that it was desired to transfer R. H. Jacobs, now a Rodman in the employ of the Aqueduct Commissioners, to the staff of the Rapid Transit Commission, and requesting that the Aqueduct Commissioners certify their official approval to such transfer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Commissioners consent to the transfer as requested.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was also received from Hon. A. E. Orr, President of the Rapid Transit Commission, stating that it was desired to transfer Robert Ridgway, now an Assistant Engineer in the employ of the Aqueduct Commissioners, to the staff of the Rapid Transit Commission, and requesting that the Aqueduct Commissioners certify their official approval to such transfer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the Commissioners consent to the transfer as requested.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, April 24, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of adjourned meeting of April 18, 1900, were read and approved.

The Secretary presented a bill of Frank K. Bowers for furnishing Senate and Assembly bills, calendars, etc., of session of 1900, amounting to $75.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare a voucher for the payment of said bill.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 167.

NEW YORK, April 24, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith a bill of Oscar E. Bates for furnishing tools and inspecting pipes, from September 2, 1899, to January 25, 1900, inclusive, at various foundries, amounting to $472, and recommend the payment of the same.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare a voucher for the payment of said bill.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT No. 168.

NEW YORK, April 24, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with instructions given by your Honorable Board to my predecessor, Mr. Fteley, I have received a proposition from Mr. Earle C. Bacon to furnish plans and specifications for an engine, bailing apparatus, etc., at Shaft No. 25, for the sum of one thousand six hundred and fifty dollars ($1,650).

Mr. Bacon is fully qualified to fulfill the contract, as he is an expert in that particular line. I believe that for the public interest the work should be assigned to him.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the Chief Engineer be authorized to have Mr. Bacon do the work above mentioned in accordance with the above report.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented the resignation of Alfred Craven, Division Engineer, to take effect at the end of the present month.

Commissioner Power moved that the resignation of Alfred Craven, Division Engineer, be accepted, to take effect April 30, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, April 21, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

SIRS—I am in receipt of a communication from your Secretary, under date of April 4, 1900, stating that on February 20, 1900, your Chief Engineer reported to you that there were more persons employed on the Jerome Park Reservoir than were required, and that at a meeting held by you on said date a resolution was adopted discharging, among others, Andrew J. Sparrow, Superintendent of Dam Construction.

He also incloses two affidavits made by Josiah L. Brown and James Lemon, and requests me to advise you "whether such proof is valid and sufficient proof of service and of his (Sparrow's) honorable discharge as such volunteer fireman."

The phraseology used in section 21 of the White Civil Service Law is "who shall have served the term required by law in the volunteer fire department of any city, town or village in the State, or who shall have been a member thereof at the time of disbandment of said volunteer fire department."

The time "required by law" for the purposes of securing the benefits of the so-called Veteran and Civil Service Acts does not seem to be anywhere defined, although the Court in People ex rel O'Brien vs. Porter, 90 Hun, 401, 403, held that "the time required by law is five years."

That statement was predicated on the language of chapter 188 of the Laws of 1848, which provides that any volunteer fireman who shall have served as such for five years shall be exempt from jury and militia duty. A somewhat similar provision is contained in Revised Statutes (Birdseye's 2d Ed.), Vol. III., p. 3444, section 61, as follows :

" Every member of the fire department, while such member, shall be exempt from serving in the militia, * * * and every person who shall serve in such fire department five successive years shall thereafter be entitled to the like exemption from military service ; that a certificate of such service, authenticated by the president of the village of the corporate seal, shall be presumptive evidence before all courts and officers, civil and military, of such exemption."

The Village Law (section 209 of chapter 414 of the Laws of 1897) expressly states that " a full term of service in a fire department is five successive years."

This latter law, it is true, was passed subsequent to the time when Sparrow is alleged to have served his term as a member of the Potsdam Fire Department, but, in view of the previous legislation on the subject and the adjudication in People ex rel. O'Brien vs. Porter, supra, it is quite possible that the courts would hold that the Village Law was merely declaratory of the existing statutes on the subject.

If you feel so disposed, I advise you that you have the power to reinstate Mr. Sparrow.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

Which was ordered spread on the minutes and filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners had under consideration a letter received from the American Surety Company, dated April 16, 1900, transmitting assignment (in triplicate) made by Kelly & Kelley, contractors for building overflow and blow-off sewers, etc., in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir, to the American Surety Company, of retained percentages to the extent of $3,300, and requesting the approval of the Aqueduct Commissioners to such assignment, which communication was laid over at the previous meeting.

Which was referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of March 31, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners during the month ending March 31, 1900, as follows :

New Croton Reservoir	$547 50
Reservoir " M "	8 25
Reservoir " I "	4,200 00
Double Reservoir " I "	993 95
Reservoir " D "	108 00
Cornell Dam	7,202 85
Highway System Proceeding	547 50
	$13,608 05

—leaving a balance to the credit of the " Additional Water Fund " of $1,250,399.81.

Which was ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Power moved that John McKeon, who was discharged on February 21, 1900, be reinstated to his former position of Laborer at the same compensation heretofore paid him, viz. $2 per day.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, May 1, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of April 24, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,419 to 13,431, inclusive, amounting to $913.36.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, May 1, 1899.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $275.82 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Craven, being the amount of rent collected on buildings on the Croton River Division of the New Croton Aqueduct during the month of April, 1900; which amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additonal Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was approved and ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 169.

NEW YORK, May 1, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby respectfully ask authority to have a model made of the plan of the central gate-house for Jerome Park Reservoir. I believe it would cost about four hundred dollars ($400).

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the authority asked for by the Chief Engineer be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred back to the Commissioners Report No. 160 of the Chief Engineer, dated April 3, 1900, submitting a preliminary report of a plan for conveying water from Jerome Park Reservoir across the Harlem river, with the recommendation that it be referred back to the Chief Engineer for a more full and complete report.

Which was approved by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Mayor, dated April 24, 1900, transmitting copy of a communication addressed to him by the Association of Master Plumbers, concerning the matter of estimating or accepting plumbing contracts on Municipal Buildings by members of that association.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented duplicate forms of certificate of necessity providing for preparing plans and specifications for an engine, bailing apparatus, etc., at Shaft No. 25 of the New Croton Aqueduct.

Which were ordered executed by the Commissioners by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Mayor, dated April 25, 1900, transmitting copy of a communication from a committee of the Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union of this city, concerning the laborers employed on the New Croton Dam.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A petition was received from a committee, representing certain employees of John B. McDonald, of the firm of McDonald & Onderdonk, Contractors for the Jerome Park Reservoir, requesting that the Aqueduct Commissioners give the contractors an estimate every two weeks instead of once a month, in order that the employees of said contractors may be paid every two weeks.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received:

NEW YORK, April 25, 1900.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commissioners*, Stewart Building, New York:

DEAR SIR—On behalf of the Association I extend you a cordial invitation to be present at our Twentieth Annual Convention, to be held in Richmond, Va., May 15 to 18, 1900.

If circumstances should occur that may prevent your presence, we would feel honored if you will send a representation of your Commission.

Yours truly,

PETER MILNE, Secretary, American Water Works Association,
No. 14 John Street, New York City.

In accordance with the request to send a representative, Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Chief Engineer be requested to attend the Convention as the representative of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Daniel Ulrich, No. 269 West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, dated April 24, 1900, making application for the position of Division Engineer.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Frederick W. Watkins, Assistant Engineer, dated April 25, 1900, requesting to be promoted to the position of Division Engineer.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote

Affirmative—Commissoners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Hon. A. E. Orr, President of the Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners, dated April 25, 1900, requesting the transfer to his department of William E. Guilfoyle, Stenographer and Typewriter in this Commission.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the Commissioners consent to the transfer as requested.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from John Twiname, contractor, dated April 27, 1900, requesting an extension of time to July 1, 1900, in which to complete his contract for grading, road making, etc., about the grounds of the Keeper's House, at the Jerome Park Reservoir.

Which was referred to the Chief Engineer for report by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Power moved that John McCormick be reinstated as Laborer at the compensation heretofore paid him, viz., $2.50 per day.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, May 8, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of May 1, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the accompanying bill for taxes for 1899 on property acquired in fee by The City of New York, for the construction of the New Croton Aqueduct, etc., due the Town of Bedford, Westchester County, N. Y., amounting to eight hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents ($883.39), is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,435 to 13,447, inclusive, amounting to $3,151.63, and of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,448 to 13,450, inclusive, amounting to $71,347.95.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, May 8, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $91 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Gowen, being the amount of rent collected on buildings on the New Croton Dam Division of the New Croton Aqueduct during the month of April, 1900; which amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was approved and ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, on behalf of the Committee of Finance and Audit, stated that they had examined the matter of the assignment by Kelly & Kelley of retained percentages to the extent of $3,300, due or to grow due by virtue of their contract with the Aqueduct Commissioners for building overflow and blow-off sewers, etc., in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir, to the American Surety Company of New York, and that, under clause "I" of the contract the approval of the Aqueduct Commissioners was necessary in order to make the assignment valid.

Commissioner Power moved that the above report be approved, and that the matter of the assignment lie over.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred back to the Commissioners application of Daniel Ulrich, of No. 269 West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, New York City, for appointment as Division Engineer, with the recommendation that said Daniel Ulrich be appointed Division Engineer at a salary of $4,000 per annum, said appointment to take effect May 16, 1900.

Which recommendation was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received:

NEW YORK, May 8, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby tender my resignation as Assistant Engineer of the Aqueduct Commission, to take effect on May 15, 1900.

Respectfully,

F. W. WATKINS, Assistant Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the resignation be accepted, to take effect on May 15, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred back to the Commissioners the application of Frederick W. Watkins for appointment as Division Engineer, with the recommendation that said Frederick W. Watkins be appointed Division Engineer at a salary of $4,000 per annum, said appointment to take effect on May 16, 1900.

Which recommendation was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 170.

NEW YORK, May 8, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby recommend that the application made by John Twiname for an extension of time to complete his contract be extended to July 1, 1900.

Yours, very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Ten Eyck offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Application has been made by John Twiname, contractor for grading, making roads, etc., about the grounds of the Keeper's House, etc., at the Jerome Park Reservoir, for an extension of time to July 1, 1900, in which to complete said contract, and the Chief Engineer having recommended that the same be granted; therefore be it

Resolved, That an additional extension of time to July 1, 1900, be and hereby is granted to John Twiname in which to complete his contract for grading, making roads, etc., about the grounds of the Keeper's House, etc., at the Jerome Park Reservoir, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, of The City of New York, provided his bondsmen shall, within ten days from the date hereof, enter into stipulations continuing their obligations for and during the completion of said contract under said extension of time, which is hereby allowed to him as further time for the performance of said contract.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Law Department, dated May 2, 1900, concerning a communication of the Mayor dated April 26, 1900, and a letter of the Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union, concerning the laborers employed on the New Croton Dam.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of May 5, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for

Reservoir "D"	$67 44
Double Reservoir "I"	9,312 09
Cornell Dam	17,038 42
	$26,417 95

—leaving a balance to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund" of $1,119,558.37.

Which was ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Windolph, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Thursday, May 10, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Thursday, May 10, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, May 15, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of meetings of May 8 and 10, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,452 to 13,466, inclusive, amounting to $1,791.60.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Windolph, a recess was then taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

Upon resuming the meeting there were present—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 171.

NEW YORK, May 12, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I would respectfully ask that Mr. Charles Clark, Axeman, be promoted to the position of Rodman to fill the vacancy on the Croton River Division made by the transfer of Mr. Benjamin L. Blauvelt. Mr. Clark has been employed seven years on that division and is thoroughly familiar with the work and many of the calculations, and is competent to fill the position.

Through Mr. Wegmann, I learn that he has passed the Civil Service examination for the position of Rodman.

Yours very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that Charles Clark, Axeman, be recommended to the Municipal Civil Service Commission for examination for promotion to Rodman.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Hon. A. E. Orr, President of the Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners, dated May 8, 1900, stating that it was desired to have transferred to the staff of the Rapid Transit Commissioners the following-named persons employed by the Aqueduct Commissioners :

Joseph F. Banks, Rodman ;
C. V. V. Powers, Assistant Engineer ;
Henry Sunkle, Chainman ;
William P. Gay, Axeman ;
Charles M. Clark, Axeman ;

—and requesting that the Aqueduct Commissioners certify to the transfer of said persons.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Commissioners consent to the tranfer of the above-named persons, as requested.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Another communication was received from Hon. A. E. Orr, President of the Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners, dated May 11, 1900, stating that it was desired to have transferred to the staff of the Rapid Transit Commissioners Julian Thornley, Rodman, in the employ of the Aqueduct Commissioners, and requesting that the Aqueduct Commissioners certify to the transfer of Mr. Thornley.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the Commissioners consent to the transfer of Julian Thornley, as requested.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned to meet on Friday, May 18, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Friday, May 18, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, May 22, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck and Power.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, May 29, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of meetings of May 15 and 18, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,471 and 13,472, amounting to $967.04.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 172.

NEW YORK, May 29, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—As there is a considerable amount of grass on the lands acquired for the New Croton Reservoir that should be cut, I would respectfully recommend that it be sold at auction on Friday, June 8, 1900.

Yours, very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the President and Secretary be authorized to order the sale of grass above referred to.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 173.

NEW YORK, May 29, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—Mr. Edward Wegmann, Division Engineer, having reported that Mr. D. Jennings, of Golden's Bridge, has completed the work of grading and filling on Parcel No. 374, I would respectfully recommend that the certified check for $100, which was deposited as a guarantee for the performance of the work, be returned to Mr. Jennings.

Yours, very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be authorized to return the check above referred to to D. Jennings.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was also received from the Chief Engineer (Report No. 174), dated May 29, 1900, transmitting the following agreements signed by former owners of property acquired by The City of New York for aqueduct purposes, to the effect that the rent for the property formerly owned and now occupied by them shall be deducted from the awards for said property when made by the Commissioners of Appraisal :

John H. Martin, Parcel No. 584.
George Juengst, Parcel No. 561.
Georgianna Harris, Parcel No. 553.
Thomas Ward, Parcel No. 535.
Michael O'Neil, Parcel No. 532.
L. N. Goodwin, Parcel No. 480.
William J., M. Francis and David A. Doyle, Parcel No. 264.
F. T. Hopkins, Parcel No. 183.
F. T. Hopkins, Parcel No. 115.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to transmit said agreements to the Comptroller.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented the resignation of Beverly R. Value, Assistant Engineer, to take effect June 1, 1900.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be accepted, to take effect June 1, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Report No. 175, dated May 29, 1900, was also received from the Chief Engineer, recommending that Frederick B. Rogers, Assistant Engineer on the New Croton Dam Division, be

assigned to do the duties of the position to be made vacant by the retirement of Beverly R. Value on June 1, 1900, at a salary of $2,200 per annum.

Which was laid over by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 176.

NEW YORK, May 29, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I would respectfully recommend the purchasing of the balance of the property of Mr. John Owen. It adjoins Tract No. 184 on the Croton River Watershed and contains about 35 acres.

Yours, very truly,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the above report be referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from A. S. Child, Axeman, dated May 23, 1900, requesting to be granted a leave of absence for six months, without pay, on account of private business.

Commissioner Ryan moved that the same be denied.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received:

FRED. A. SMITH, RECEIVER OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
TOWN OF CORTLANDT AND VILLAGE OF PEEKSKILL,
PEEKSKILL, N. Y., May 16, 1900.

Mr. HENRY W. WALKER, *Secretary, Aqueduct Commissioners' Office*, New York, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—Replying to yours of April 21, concerning the non-payment of taxes on assessment of $150,000 on the unfinished New Croton Dam, would say that the taxes on said property remaining unpaid on June 1, 1900, measures will be taken to collect the amount due by distress and sale of goods and chattels, together with the cost and charges of such distress and sale.

Very respectfully,

FRED. A. SMITH, Receiver of Taxes.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the communication be referred to the Corporation Counsel for such action as he might deem proper (see Secretary's letter-press book vol. 17, p. 607).

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Andrew J. Sparrow, dated May 14, 1900.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Thomas E. Rush, attorney for Andrew J. Sparrow, dated May 25, 1900.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Windolph, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Monday, June 4, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Monday, June 4, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of meetings of May 22 and 29, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the accompanying bill for school taxes, 1899–1900, due District No. 2, Town of Somers, N. Y., amounting to seven dollars and thirty-six cents ($7.36), is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,475 and 13,476, amounting to $104,472.79, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,477 to 13,489, inclusive, amounting to $465.81.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented the following:

NEW YORK, June 4, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $230.25 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Wegmann, being the amount of rent collected on buildings on the Croton River Division of the New Croton Aqueduct during the month of May, 1900, which amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain, for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the action of the Secretary be approved and the report ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 177.

NEW YORK, June 4, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I hereby ask authority to sell at the public auction, to be held in Katonah, June 8, a roan horse. The horse is badly foundered and unfit for work.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the President and Secretary be authorized to advertise the sale of the horse above mentioned.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 178.

NEW YORK, June 4, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit the bill of W. H. Fowler for carpenter work performed in connection with the necessary plumbing for the Katonah office, and recommend that the same be paid.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare proper voucher for payment of the above-mentioned bill.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented the resignation of A. S. Child, Axeman, to take effect on June 15, 1900.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the resignation of A. S. Child, Axeman, be accepted, to take effect on June 15, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, June 5, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The Commissioners adjourned for the purpose of taking up matters pending before the Construction or Executive Committee.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, June 12, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of meetings of June 4 and 5, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,492, and 13,493, amounting to $4,333.84, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,494 to 13,503, inclusive, amounting to $365.36.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from James H. Maloney, Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of the Bronx, dated June 8, 1900, stating that complaint had been made to his Department that the Contractors who are constructing a pumping station at Jerome avenue, Borough of the Bronx, are pumping water on the macadam roadway of the avenue, which is being damaged on account thereof, and requesting that the practice be stopped.

Which was referred to the Chief Engineer for investigation and report by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Hon. A. E. Orr, President of the Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners, dated June 4, 1900, requesting the transfer to the staff of the Chief Engineer of his Commission of George Hopey, now employed as Axeman by the Aqueduct Commissioners.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to reply to the communication of Mr. Orr, stating that while the Aqueduct Commissioners desire to facilitate the Rapid Transit Commission to the fullest extent, they feel that to consent to further transfers of their

employees will deplete their staff, and consequently find it impracticable to consent to further transfers.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Report No. 179, dated June 7, 1900, was received from the Chief Engineer, recommending that John D. Grannis, Rodman, be certified to the Municipal Civil Service Commission for examination for promotion to Leveler.

Commissioner Power moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved and adopted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

An opinion was received from the Corporation Counsel, dated June 4, 1900, concerning the interpretation of the contract for the construction of the New Croton Dam in relation to the building of roads in the vicinity of said dam by the contractors, Messrs. Coleman, Breuchaud & Coleman.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Ten Eyck offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That, in accordance with the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, dated June 4, 1900, and now on file in the Secretary's office, in response to a communication addressed to him by the Secretary on November 3, 1899, as to whether under the contract for the construction of the New Croton Dam and its appurtenances the contractors are to construct the highways, the Chief Engineer be and he hereby is requested to stake out such highways as the Corporation Counsel, in the opinion above referred to, holds that the contractors are to build, in order that the contractors may proceed with the work of construction at once.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from John C. Donnelly, Secretary, Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union, dated June 8, 1900, requesting that the contractors (Kelly & Kelley) constructing overflow and blow-off sewers, in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir, be compelled to obey the Labor Laws.

Which was referred to the Chief Engineer for investigation and report by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Chief Engineer verbally requested the Commissioners to obtain from the Municipal Civil Service Commission eligible lists of persons for appointment to the following positions, viz. :

Two (2) Assistant Engineers, two (2) Levelers, three (3) Rodmen, one (1) Chainman and four (4) Axemen.

Commissioner Power moved that the Secretary be directed to request eligible lists from the Municipal Civil Service Commission from which the above appointments may be made.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that James McCartney, Mason, be recommended to the Municipal Civil Service Commission for examination for promotion to Inspector of Masonry.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication dated May 31, 1900, was received from H. E. Hawley, General Manager of the Hudson River Telephone Company of Albany, N. Y., requesting permission "to erect, operate and maintain a line of poles, with the necessary wires and fixtures thereon, beginning at a point just south of Katonah; thence on City property to the railroad crossing at Horace Todd's place; thence on City property on the east side of the Harlem Railroad to Deen's Bridge; thence on City property on the west side of the Harlem Railroad to Croton Falls."

Which was laid over by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, June 19, 1900, no quorum being present, the Commissioners stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, June 26, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of June 12, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the accompanying bill for extra school tax for the year 1899, due School District No. 5, Town of Cortlandt, New York, amounting to $5.67, is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,510 to 13,528, inclusive, amounting to $4,352.50.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following report, and recommended that the same be approved and adopted:

NEW YORK, June 26, 1900.

On May 1, 1900, the Aqueduct Commissioners referred to the Construction or Executive Committee the following communication:

" CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
" NEW YORK, April 25, 1900.

" *Hon.* JOHN J. RYAN, *President of Aqueduct Commission, New York:*

" DEAR SIR—The Mayor directs me to transmit to you herewith for your attention and report direct to complainant, copy of which report kindly forward to this office, the inclosed copy of a communication from a committee of the Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union of this city, concerning the laborers employed on the Croton Dam Aqueduct.

" Very respectfully yours,

" ALFRED M. DOWNES, Secretary to the Mayor."

—and accompanying it was the following communication:

" OFFICE OF WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN,
" REPRESENTING NEW YORK BRANCH GRANITE CUTTERS' NATIONAL UNION.

" *Hon.* ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, *Mayor of City of New York:*

" DEAR SIR—One of the subjects of discussion at the last meeting of the Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union of this city was the strike of the Italians working on the Croton Dam improvement, and the padrone system on public works, which is an evil that the working people of this city have to contend with. The result of said discussion by the representatives of the Building Trades brought out the results of investigations of many of the representatives present, which clearly showed the system under which the padrone works. The same, we believe, was in vogue upon the contract at Croton Dam, which is as follows:

" The padrone secures the cheapest available workmen for the contractor, the said workmen to secure the said job must buy the tools or implements he works with from the padrone, live in one of the huts erected on the ground by the padrone, and buy all the necessaries of life from supplies furnished by the padrone, and pay the most exorbitant prices for same—all this, through understanding with the contractor, is deducted from wages earned by the workmen, the pay day being not less than once a month (which is in violation of weekly pay law), so as to increase the profits of the padrone. The undersigned were appointed by the Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union and authorized to act in the name of that body. The said committee, after carefully considering the whole matter, have decided to request that you, the Mayor of The City of New York (the Croton Dam improvement being a City contract), be respectfully requested to have the cause of said strike investigated, the same being the cause of calling out the State troops. We believe a proper investigation of the matter would do much to break up this vicious padrone system, and secure justice to working people of this city and State.

" We, the undersigned, therefore request, in the name of the Building Trades Section, that you grant our request.

" Respectfully yours,

" W. J. O'BRIEN,
" RICHARD PATTERSON,
" T. M. DALY."

To conform with the request of his Honor the Mayor, the Aqueduct Commissioners invited Messrs. W. J. O'Brien, Richard Patterson and T. M. Daly, of the Building Trades Section, as well as Messrs. Coleman, Breuchaud & Coleman, contractors for the construction of the New Croton Dam, their superintendent, Mr. Gouldsboro, and Division Engineer Gowen, who is in direct charge of the work for the Aqueduct Commissioners, to be present at a meeting of the Construction or Executive Committee, to be held on May 18, 1900, in order that the allegations made by the representatives of the Building Trades Section could be thoroughly investigated. Messrs.

O'Brien, Patterson and Daly failed to appear, afterwards explaining they did not receive notice on account of change of address.

Mr. James S. Coleman, on behalf of the contractors, made the following statement:

"The allegations are not true in whole or in part; and it is evident that Mr. O'Brien and the other gentlemen who have signed that paper and sent it to the Mayor have not come to us, or to the work, to investigate about it.

"We have not a padrone system of employing labor there. People employed on the work are employed by our superintendent, Mr. Gouldsboro, who is present here. The laborers and the different mechanics, stone cutters, stone masons, engineers, firemen, switchmen, mortar mixers and all the different classes of mechanics employed on the work are employed by our superintendent.

"In relation to boarding-houses, at least four-fifths of the people employed on our work live in their own houses outside of the jurisdiction of The City of New York and of the firm of Coleman, Breuchaud & Coleman; live in their own places, hire their own houses. We have a number of places on the work that are for the convenience of the people, if they choose to rent; if they choose they can rent a place from us on the work; and the rental is at a lower rate than they can get it elsewhere.

"In the next place, in relation to the store on the work, there is a little place on the work for the accommodation and convenience of the employees. If they choose they can buy there at as low rates as purchases can be made elsewhere. But there is no one compelled to buy there. When they do buy there it is only a small percentage. For instance, a new employee on the work, if he chooses and wants to go to the store, he goes to the office and gets an order and purchases in the store. But four-fifths of the people on the work do not buy in the store; they buy in the different stores in the villages and buy in The City of New York. The store on the work is merely for the convenience of them. There is no profit in it at all.

"Now, the boarding-houses, as I have stated, are in the same way as the store. Four-fifths of the people live outside of our work and in the houses that they own or rent from other people.

"There is another matter that Mr. O'Brien refers to, and that is about the payment of men. Men are paid on our work—it is probably a little different from most every other work, and we claim a little credit to ourselves in that matter. Any employee who wishes to leave, drops his tools, and goes and gets his money. But there is a general pay-day once a month; the Saturday nearest the 20th of the month we pay.

"Now, there is another thing that Mr. O'Brien speaks of, and these other gentlemen, and they certainly did not make any inquiry, not even of any of the people on the work. It must be that their information has come from some one that never was on the work, and did not know anything about it. They state that employees are furnished with tools and are charged by us for tools. All tools are furnished by us free to our employees; not a cent charged for the use of the tools. The tools belong to us, and the employees are not charged for the use of the tools, not one dollar, not one cent.

"We would be only too glad to give Mr. O'Brien and his associaties any information they seek. But it is generally covered in my statement now to you, gentlemen. I might add that from

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our information through our old hands on the work, that 95 per cent. of the people employed on our work are perfectly happy and satisfied with the work. They know they are well treated, and we are treating them now and propose to treat them fairly and squarely. They have the greatest amount of liberty. They work on the work and leave whenever they choose to do so ; whenever it suits their own convenience. There were just a few that led some of the other men to stop work, but all the men are at work now and express perfect satisfaction with the way they have been treated, and say that they were misled, and that they were urged to stop the work for the time being. But they have showed by their actions, and resumed work just as soon as work was resumed. I might add that we have a great many applications for work from people that want to come on, but we always give a preference to all old hands, men that have been on the work for a number of years ; and while we are increasing our forces right along during the summer season, so as to work every man that can be worked on the quarries and on the walls and on the excavation, every man that can be put to work, still the preference is given to our old hands."

The Committee desiring to give the fullest investigation to the statements contained in the communication of Messrs. O'Brien, Patterson and Daly, directed the Secretary to notify Mr. O'Brien and his associates that the Commmittee had postponed the further hearing in connection with their communication to May 22, and they were invited to be present at that time.

Pursuant to this notice, Messrs. O'Brien, Patterson and Daly, as well as the contractors for the work appeared before the Committee; and the denial made by Mr. James S. Coleman at the previous meeting was read.

Mr. O'Brien stated that his communication to the Mayor contained simply a statement of belief on the part of himself and associates, and that that they had no proof to offer in substantiation of the statements therein contained. He contended, however, that the payment of the employees by the contractors once a month was in violation of the weekly payment law and that under the contract and the law the contractors were compelled to pay their employees weekly. Mr. O'Brien also contended that the action of the Aqueduct Commissioners in extending the time for the completion of the contract from July 1, 1899, to January 1, 1901, was equivalent to the making of a new contract, and that the laws in force on July 1, 1899, had the same application to the contract for the New Croton Dam as if the original contract had been executed at the time of the granting of the extension of time for the completion of the work. They said this was their own belief of the laws governing in this matter, but that they did not intend to submit any legal opinion to sustain their belief that such was the operation of the laws.

Subsequently the Committee, on the invitation of Messrs. Coleman, Breuchaud & Coleman, examined their books, and found the facts contained in the foregoing statement and the following letter agreed with the entries in the books :

" COLEMAN, BREUCHAUD & COLEMAN,
" NEW CROTON DAM CONTRACT—CROTON-ON-HUDSON,
" NEW YORK, May 28, 1900.

" *Hon.* JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commission :*

" DEAR SIR—In relation to the amounts collected from employees for rental of houses owned by our firm and occupied by employees, I beg to say that the amount of rental is generally about

one-half of one per cent. of the expenses of the work. The rental collected for the month of May is $273.75, and the total payments about $62,000; that is, the rental of houses to employees will amount to about 44-100 of 1 per cent. of the general expenses.

"There is a small store on the work for the accommodation of men who choose to use it. The sales var from 9 mills to 11 mills of the pay-roll per month, an average of about one per cent. No employee is constrained to purchase in the store on the work or to occupy any building owned by our firm.

"Employees choose their own boarding-houses. No one is compelled to board at any particular place. Strangers employed on the work who are unacquainted with the boarding-house keepers are guaranteed by us, and their boarding bills, which they agree to, are matters between the boarding-house keepers and themselves; are deducted from the employee and paid to the boarding-house keeper on pay day, for their mutual accommodation. These amounts in the aggregate run from 4½ to 5½ per cent. The contractors have no interest whatever in the boarding-houses.

"The employees are paid in cash and can draw their money whenever they choose to leave the work. All accounts of employees are closed and paid once a month, the Saturday nearest the 20th of each month. All employees can rent, board or trade wherever they choose, or quit the work and draw their full wages in cash whenever it suits their pleasure.

"Very respectfully,

"Your obedient servants,

(Signed) "COLEMAN, BREUCHAUD & COLEMAN."

There are no huts used for residences or boarding-houses within the lands controlled by the Commissioners and the contractors. If there are any they are outside the limits of the City property in the villages created for the accommodation of nearly 800 persons who are employed in the construction of the dam and about 1,200 others dependent upon them. But the tenements constructed on the land now owned by the City and which will be removed on the completion of the dam and its appurtenances are in good tenantable order, and so, indeed, are the temporary structures composing the villages occupied by the workers on the dam, which will probably be abandoned and destroyed when the dam is completed. The village nearest the dam is two and one-half miles from the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, and another, Larkintown, is about three miles from Croton and six miles from Sing Sing, the next nearest village.

The contract for the construction of the dam was signed August 31, 1892. It provides that the contractors shall obtain a monthly estimate of work done on the dam and its appurtenances from the Engineer, the prices for which are certified by the Commissioners to the Comptroller for payment. The Law of 1890, providing for the weekly payment of wages, does not apply to these contractors under this contract; and we are also of the opinion that the extension of time granted for the performance of the contract, which was provided for in the contract, does not make it subject to laws enacted since the execution of the contract. These legal questions, however, have been referred to the Law Department.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit copies of the above report to the Mayor and to Messrs. W. J. O'Brien, Richard Patterson and T. M. Daly, of the Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, June 26, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I present herewith check received from Peter F. Meyer & Co., auctioneers, drawn to the order of "Board of Aqueduct Commissioners," for $2,570.35, being the net proceeds of sale at public auction on June 1, 1900, of buildings standing within the purchase line of the New Croton Reservoir, together with detailed statement of sale.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the President and Secretary be authorized to indorse said check for transmission to the City Chamberlain, and that the papers be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, June 26, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I present herewith check received from Peter F. Meyer & Co., auctioneers, drawn to the order of "Board of Aqueduct Commissioners," for $1,047.35, being the net proceeds of sale at public auction on June 8, 1900, of grass within the purchase line of the New Croton Reservoir, between Pine's Bridge and Croton Falls, together with detailed statement of sale.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the President and Secretary be authorized to indorse said check for transmission to the City Chamberlain, and that the papers be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 180.

NEW YORK, June 19, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—The building on Parcel No. 491 at Purdy's Station is now used as a post office. As we cannot have this building moved while so occupied, I would recommend that the United States Post Office Department be asked to order the postmaster at Purdy's to have the post office moved.

Yours very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to communicate with the Post Office Department at Washington requesting the change in the location of the post office at Purdy's Station, in accordance with the above recommendation.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT No. 181.

NEW YORK, June 21, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—In regard to the complaint made by Mr. James H. Maloney, Deputy Commissioner of Highways, relating to water being pumped on the macadam roadway of Jerome avenue, I would say that the contractors have been ordered to carry the drainage from their trenches in such a way that it will not discharge on the macadam and no damage will be done.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the above report to Mr. Maloney.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT No. 182,

NEW YORK, June 21, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Relating to the communication of Mr. John C. Donnelly, Secretary Building Trades Section of Central Federated Union, complaining that Messrs. Kelly & Kelley were not employing union men or paying the prevailing rate of wages, and requesting that they be compelled to obey the Labor Law of eight hours and to pay the prevailing rate of wages, I would say that I referred the matter to Mr. Daniel Ulrich, Division Engineer, and he writes as follows:

"I would report that Kelly & Kelley have reported to me verbally that they pay the pipe caulkers at the rate of $3.50 per day for eight hours' work and furnish the caulking tools, which is beyond the union rate of wages when the caulker does not furnish tools; also that they (Kelly & Kelley) have a verbal contract with this man Corbett, who is not a union man, to place the pipe in the trench and set them at the rate of $4.50 per length, and he set 17 lengths with 128 hours' work, about 52 cents per hour, or at the rate of $4.16 per day of eight hours, which, I believe, is above the union rate for this work.

"Inspectors Kenny and Slingerland claim that no one is working over eight hours in any one day on this work.

"Messrs. Kelly & Kelley expect to notify Mr. Donnelly, Secretary, etc., in a few days that they wish to proceed with this work of caulking the pipes, and if he does not send the caulkers desired they will proceed with non-union men, but conforming to all the requirements of the Labor Law."

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the above report to John C. Donnelly, Secretary, Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT No. 183.

NEW YORK, June 25, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—There are seven or eight buildings on the Croton River Division that are owned by the City. They should be sold and removed from the property. I respectfully ask that authority be given to have them sold at public auction prior to August 1, 1900.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the President and Secretary be authorized to order the sale of buildings above referred to.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communications were received:

NEW YORK, June 23, 1900.

To the Honorable Aqueduct Commissioners, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—We respectfully beg to be granted an extension of time until November 30, 1900, for completing our contract for building the overflow and blow-off sewers, water-pipe, etc., in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir, dated September 30, 1899, and to be completed July 1, 1900. As reasons for this application we would say, that on account of the winter season the work was ordered suspended from December 23, 1899, until March 23, 1900; also that the character of the excavation in Potter place, which on the plans show continuous rock bottom, is instead, mostly mud, quicksand and water springs, which have changed our method of work, necessitating slow and much more expensive work in short sections at a time.

Hoping that your Honorable Board may act favorably upon this application, we remain,

Yours very respectfully,

KELLY & KELLEY.

THE UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY,
BALTIMORE, MD.,
NEW YORK OFFICE, NO. 140 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, June 22, 1900.

To the Honorable Aqueduct Commissioners, New York City:

DEAR SIRS—We, the undersigned, The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and the American Surety Company of New York, sureties on the bond of Kelly & Kelley to The City of New York, on their contract for building overflow and blow-off sewers, water-pipes and appurtenances, in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir, which bond was dated the 18th day of September, 1899, hereby consent to the extension of the time for completing said contract to and including November 30, 1900.

Yours respectfully,

[SEAL] THE UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY,

By SYLVESTER J. O'SULLIVAN, Manager.

Attest:

WYLLYS BENEDICT, Attorney in fact,

[SEAL] AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK,

By DAVID B. SICKLES, Vice-President.

G. M. SWENEY, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 184.

NEW YORK, June 26, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I have received from Messrs. Kelly & Kelley a copy of a communication addressed to your Honorable Board, dated June 23, 1900, asking for an extension of time to November 30, 1900, to complete their contract for building overflow and blow-off sewers, water pipes, etc., in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir.

I recommend that the request asked for be granted.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Windolph moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved and that Kelly & Kelley be granted an extension of time to November 30, 1900, in which to complete the contract above referred to.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the forms of contract, specifications, proposal and bond, in triplicate, submitted by the Commissioner of Water Supply on June 16, 1900, and approved by the Corporation Counsel "as to form," for building the Muscoot Dam, on Croton river, at Muscoot Mountain, in the Towns of Somers and Bedford, Westchester County, New York, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary is hereby directed to prepare, in triplicate, the necessary certificates for the certification of said forms of contract, specifications, proposal and bond by the Aqueduct Commissioners, to be filed in accordance with section 25, chapter 490, Laws of 1883.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, dated June 19, 1900, transmitting copy of Claim No. 41462, filed in the Department of Finance by Peter A. Murray, Cement Worker, for the sum of $2,312, alleged to be the difference between the amount earned by him at a rate of wages claimed to be the prevailing rate and the amount actually paid to him for services performed for the Aqueduct Commissioners.

Which was laid over by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission:

NEW YORK, June 22, 1900.

Mr. HARRY W. WALKER, *Secretary, Aqueduct Commission:*

DEAR SIR—I have your request of the 13th instant for an eligible list from which to appoint to the position of Assistant Engineer, Leveler, Rodman and Chainman, as also your certificates as to the persons in the next lower grade, and desire to call your attention to the first paragraph

of Rule 38 of the Rules and Classification, under the provisions of which the above positions can be filled only by promotion from the next lower grades.

If you desire an examination to be held for such promotion you will please notify me at once, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

In connection therewith the Secretary stated that by direction of the President he had sent the following reply :

NEW YORK, June 25, 1900.

LEE PHILIPS, Esq., *Secretary, Civil Service Commission :*

DEAR SIR—Replying to your communication of the 22d instant, requesting, if the Aqueduct Commissioners desire, examinations held for promotion, in accordance with Rule 38, for the appointment of Assistant Engineer, Leveler, Rodman and Chainman, I would say that the Commissioners desire to fill these positions as soon as possible, and respectfully request that such promotion examinations be held at the earliest date possible.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which action was approved by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission, dated June 23, 1900, certifying an eligible list of persons from which four Axemen could be appointed.

Which was laid over by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A circular letter was received from the Charter Revision Commission requesting to be sent copies of reports of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to reply to said communication.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of May 31, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for—

Double Reservoir "I"	$8,009 60
Reservoir "D"	24,469 69
Cornell Dam	116,530 70
	$154,009 99

—leaving a balance to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund" of $882,381.17.

Which was ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Ten Eyck the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Friday, June 29, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, June 19, 1900, no quorum being present, the Commissioners stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, June 26, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of June 12, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the accompanying bill for extra school tax for the year 1899, due School District No. 5, Town of Cortlandt, New York, amounting to $5.67, is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,510 to 13,528, inclusive, amounting to $4,352.50.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following report, and recommended that the same be approved and adopted:

NEW YORK, June 26, 1900.

On May 1, 1900, the Aqueduct Commissioners referred to the Construction or Executive Committee the following communication:

faithful and attentive in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities, which have been extended by the retirement of the former Assistant Engineer, Mr. Robert Ridgway.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Power offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the salaries of Richard Baldwin, Jr., and Herbert C. Alden, Assistant Engineers, be and hereby are fixed at two thousand two hundred dollars per annum ; the same to take effect July 1, 1900.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following report of the Chief Engineer, which was laid over May 29, 1900, was then considered :

REPORT NO. 175.

NEW YORK, May 29, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I would respectfully recommend that Mr. Frederick B. Rogers, Assistant Engineer on the New Croton Dam Division, be assigned to do the duties of the position to be made vacant by the retirement of Mr. Beverly R. Value on June 1, 1900, at a salary of $2,200 per annum.

Yours very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

In connection therewith Commissioner Power offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the above recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved and that the salary of Frederick B. Rogers, Assistant Engineer, be and hereby is fixed at two thousand two hundred dollars per annum ; the same to take effect July 1, 1900.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from H. T. Dykman, dated June 27, 1900, transmitting bill of William V. Molloy, Sheriff of Westchester County, amounting to $210.

Commissioner Power moved that the same be referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication from the Comptroller, dated June 19, 1900, transmitting copy of Claim No. 41462, filed in the Department of Finance by Peter A. Murray, Cement Worker, for the sum of $2,312, alleged to be the difference between the amount earned by him at a rate of wages

claimed to be the prevailing rate and the amount actually paid to him for services performed for the Aqueduct Commissioners, which was laid over on June 26, 1900, was then considered.

Commissioner Power moved that the matter be referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit with power to act.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, July 3, 1900, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, July 10, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of meetings of June 26 and 29, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13531 to 13533, inclusive, amounting to $107,058.07, and bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13534 to 13544, inclusive, amounting to $1,254.84.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, July 10, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $528.78 has been received from Division Engineer Wegmann, being the amount of rents collected during the month of June, 1900, on buildings on the Croton River Division of the New Croton Aqueduct; which amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the action of the Secretary be approved and the communication ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 187.

NEW YORK, July 10, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—On the Croton River Division there are many open cellars left after the removal of buildings, also cisterns, cesspools, etc. These should be filled.

I have had measurements taken and find that it will require about 4,000 cubic yards of earth to fill them. I have received bids from the following six parties to do the work prior to January 1, 1901, in conformity with the labor laws :

Oscar Miersch	$0 15¼	per cubic yard.
David Jennings	16	"
Thad. K. Green	17	"
George H. Bennett	17	"
Ezra Wright	18	"
William Gilmore	18½	"

The proposal of Oscar Miersch being the lowest, I ask that you authorize me to order the work done by him.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the authority asked for be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 188.

NEW YORK, July 10, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith hand you rent agreement of Albert Chamberlain and Julia F. Chamberlain for Parcel No. 564 for the year 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to transmit said agreement to the Comptroller.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 189.

NEW YORK, July 10, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—On the Croton River Division there are many fences that should be repaired. I have received proposals from four parties to do the work and furnish the material at the following prices :

William Gilmore—

Foreman, $2; Laborers, $1.65; teams, $4 per day; posts, 12 cents each; wire, 4½ cents per pound, and staples, 6 cents per pound.

Thad. K. Green—

Foreman, $2.10; Laborers, $1.85; teams, $4 per day; posts, 12½ cents each; wire, 4½ cents per pound, and staples, 6 cents per pound.

David Jennings—

Foreman, $2.25; Laborers, $1.85; teams, $4 per day; posts, 12½ cents each; wire, 4½ cents per pound, and staples, 6 cents per pound.

Oscar Miersch—

Foreman, $2.10; Laborers, $1.90; teams, $4 per day; posts, 12½ cents each; wire, 4½ cents per pound, and staples, 6 cents per pound.

I respectfully ask authority to order the work done by William Gilmore, as he is the lowest bidder.

I estimate that the work will cost about $200.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the authority asked for by the Chief Engineer be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from M. D. Chance, Acting Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, dated at Washington, D. C., July 6, 1900, in reply to a communication of the Secretary of July 2, 1900, concerning the removal of the post-office at Purdy's Station, New York, to a new site outside the land required for the new Croton Reservoir.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Chief Engineer for his information and the communication ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners had under consideration the following communication of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, which was laid over on June 26, 1900:

NEW YORK, June 23, 1900.

HARRY W. WALKER, Esq., *Secretary, Aqueduct Commissioners' Office:*

DEAR SIR—Replying to your requisition of June 13, calling for four Axemen, I beg to certify the following from which you may make selection:

	Per Cent.
223. Lyons, Martin J., One Hundred and Seventieth street and Sheridan avenue.....	90.30
224. Strain, Charles F., No. 543 East One Hundred and Forty-second street.....	89.20
175. Kinch, Harold T., No. 51 Hamilton avenue, White Plains	88.80

		Per Cent
159.	Lord, Durrell, No. 38 Grove street, White Plains	87.60
244.	Clarke, John P., No. 775 Union avenue	87.10
188.	Morrison, George E., No. 268 Gates avenue, Brooklyn	86
193.	Arent, Anthony, No. 3176 Park avenue	86
151.	Haffen, Charles H., No. 990 Freeman street	84.40

Yours respectfully,

J. H. McCOOEY, Assistant Secretary.

I beg to advise that the above must be considered as though requisition and certification were made for each of the four men separately.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that Martin J. Lyons, Charles F. Strain, Harold T. Kinch and John P. Clarke be appointed Axemen, on probation, at a salary of sixty (60) dollars per month; and that the Secretary be directed to notify said persons to report to the Chief Engineer for assignment to duty.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Law Department, dated June 30, 1900, in answer to a communication of the Secretary dated May 24, 1900, advising the Aqueduct Commissioners that the granting of an extension of time to the contractors for the construction of the New Croton Dam, in which to complete said contract, did not abrogate the original contract, and was not equivalent to making a new contract; also that the contractors for said work are not obliged to pay their employees weekly, and concerning the application of the eight-hour law, etc., to said contract.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the communication be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to request the Municipal Civil Service Commission to hold an examination for promotion to Transitmen.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, July 17, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

In the absence of the Secretary, Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that Jefferson Groub be designated as Acting Secretary.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The minutes of stated meeting of July 10, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,546 to 13,557, inclusive, amounting to $662.60.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred back to the Commissioners a communication of H. T. Dykman, dated June 27, 1900, transmitting bill of William V. Molloy, Sheriff of Westchester County, amounting to $210, in connection with the dispossess proceedings against John Owen, with the recommendation that the matter be submitted to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to whether or not the Aqueduct Commissioners should pay said bill.

Which recommendation was approved by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Committee also referred to the Commissioners a bill of Louis W. Elliott, dated at Katonah, N. Y., October 17, 1899, for use of horse, amounting to $21.25, in connection with the

John Owen proceedings, with the recommendation that it be submitted to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to whether or not the Aqueduct Commissioners should pay said bill.

Which recommendation was approved by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT No. 190.

NEW YORK, July 13, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—On the 23d of January, 1900, your Honorable Board passed a resolution accepting the proposition of Mr. Albert Lucius to furnish plans, specifications, estimates and inspection of material and construction of certain highway bridges for the sum of $4,995. The aggregate length of the bridges is about 3,502 feet, which would be at a rate of about $1.42½ per foot.

I recommend that upon the certificate of the Chief Engineer payments on account of the work be made to Mr. Lucius, as follows:

For plans delivered, 55 cents per lineal foot of the bridges.

For specifications and estimates, 20 cents per lineal foot of the bridges.

For inspection of material and construction, 50 cents per lineal foot of the bridges.

The balance upon completion of the work.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved and adopted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT No. 191.

NEW YORK, July 16, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I have received notice from Messrs. McDonald & Onderdonk that they have placed an order with John Fox & Co. for the special castings required for the central gate-house in Jerome Park Reservoir. It will be necessary to have the castings inspected during their manufacture.

I have received the following bids:

Mr. Isaac Albertson of Camden, N. J., proposes to furnish the necessary tools and labor and to inspect all the castings made for the order, whether accepted or rejected, at $1 per net ton.

Mr. Oscar E. Bates of Phillipsburg, N. J., proposes to furnish the necessary tools and labor and to inspect all the castings made for the order, whether accepted or rejected, at 60 cents per net ton.

I request that I be authorized to place the order with Mr. Bates, he being the lowest bidder.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the authority asked for by the Chief Engineer be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 192.

NEW YORK, July 16, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I present to you for consideration a copy of a letter that I received from Mr. H. T. Dykman relating to lands required for highways along the Croton river. The necessary maps were filed with the Corporation Counsel on the 9th day of March, 1900.

Mr. Dykman writes as follows:

"I beg to advise you that I have examined your communication, under date of June 26, with reference to the acquisition of the parcels required for the construction of new roads in the New Croton Dam Division out of the original Cornell Dam taking. To comply with the statute providing for public hearing, preparation of special maps, publication of statutory notice, etc., would cost as much, if not more, that the land is worth. Still, if no other course is presented, you will be obliged to transmit to the Corporation Counsel the necessary maps with the request that the lands in question be acquired. I think, however, if you will write to the Law Department, setting forth in detail the facts in regard to this matter, that I will then be empowered to consult with the owners and see whether or not we cannot get a consent to take possession at once and submit the question of value to the Eighth Cornell Dam Commission."

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to communicate with the Corporation Counsel in conformity with the report of the Chief Engineer.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 193.

NEW YORK, July 17, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Relating to the four Axemen appointed by your Honorable Board on July 10, 1900, I would report that Martin J. Lyons and Harold T. Kinch have declined to accept the appointment, and that Charles F. Strain and John P. Clarke have not reported for duty.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that inasmuch as Charles F. Strain and John P. Clarke had not reported for duty, that they be dismissed from the service of the Commissioners.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to obtain from the Municipal Civil Service Commission a new eligible list of Axemen from which four appointments could be made.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A notice was received from S. Allen Mead, Town Clerk of the Town of Cortlandt, N. Y., dated July 9, 1900, stating that State, county and town taxes on the unfinished Cornell Dam had not been paid, and if the same were not paid the property would be sold according to law.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners had under consideration a communication received from the Hudson River Telephone Company of Albany, N. Y., dated May 31, 1900, requesting permission to "erect, operate and maintain a line of poles, with the necessary wires and fixtures thereon, beginning at a point just south of Katonah, thence on City property to the railroad crossing at Horace Todd's place, thence on City property on the west side of the Harlem Railroad to Croton Falls."

Commissioner Power moved that the matter be referred to the Chief Engineer for investigation and report.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of June 30, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payments of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for :

Cornell Dam	$2,386 01
Reservoir "D"	65,343 22
Double Reservoir "I"	90 67
Various proceedings	866 39
	$68,686 29

—leaving a balance to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund" of $689,146.31.

Which was ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

JEFFERSON GROUB, Acting Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, July 24, 1900, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Thursday, July 26, 1900, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Thursday, July 26, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of July 17, 1900, were read and approved.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 194.

NEW YORK, July 20, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Relating to the application of the Hudson River Telephone Company, dated May 31, 1900, which was referred to me, I would report that I can see no objection to the granting of the request, provided you make a condition that the telephone company at any time, and at their own expense, will remove any poles if it should be necessary or requested by your honorable board.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Hudson River Telephone Company be granted the permission asked for in its communication of May 31, 1900, subject to the conditions set forth in the above report of the Chief Engineer.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented the resignation of John A. Egan, Laborer.

Which was accepted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from John D. Grannis, Rodman, dated July 21, 1900, requesting a leave of absence, without pay, for six months, beginning August 9, 1900.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the same be denied.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from Hon. Asa Bird Gardiner, dated July 24, 1900, in behalf of Macrae Sykes, Leveler.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that Charles M. Clark, John O'Connor and Stephen M. Lyons be promoted from Axemen to Rodmen, at a salary of $900 per annum, they having been certified by the Municipal Civil Service Commission as eligible for such promotion, the same to take effect August 1, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission:

NEW YORK, July 24, 1900.

HARRY W. WALKER, Esq., *Secretary, Aqueduct Commissioners' Office:*

DEAR SIR—In response to your requisition of July 24 calling for names of persons eligible for appointment as Axemen to fill seven vacancies, I beg to certify as follows:

279.	Meagher, Stephen E., No. 197 Varick street	82.10 per cent.
184.	Stinner, Frederick A., No. 3277 Third avenue	81.90 "
187.	Martin, Francis X., No. 436 Lenox avenue	79.90 "
229.	Moore, James E., No. 377 College avenue	79.50 "
180.	Dillon, Francis A., One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, near Sheridan avenue	78 "
267.	Berry, Richard A., Two Hundred and First street and Perry avenue	78 "
233.	McGuire, James J., Matilda street, Wakefield	76.90 "
191.	Naughton, Michael, No. 1965 Washington avenue	76.20 "
246.	Connell, William H., Suburban street	75.70 "
273.	Byrne, Francis H., No. 2044 Boston avenue	75.60 "
238.	Douglas, Samuel L., No. 533 East One Hundred and Sixty-first street	75.40 "
222.	Egan, John A., No. 55 Tompkins street	75.30 "
201.	Mauser, Jr., John F., No. 1234 Washington avenue	74.60 "

We certify the above thirteen names, that being the maximum number that may be considered in making seven appointments, and selection must be made as though requisition and certification were made for each vacancy separately, and three names were before you at a time. The above names are certified, subject to receipt of a letter of declination from the persons mentioned in your letter of July 24.

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

In connection therewith, the Secretary presented the declinations of Stephen A. Meagher and Frederick A. Stinner.

Whereupon Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the following-named persons be appointed Axemen, on probation, at a salary of $60 per month :

Francis X. Martin,	Richard A. Berry,	James J. McGuire,
Michael Naughton,	William H. Conneil,	Francis H. Byrne,
John A. Egan.		

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, July 31, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of adjourned meeting of July 26, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,566 to 13,568, inclusive, amounting to $111,691.56.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 197.

NEW YORK, July 28, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I recommend that the retaining-wall that is being built around a portion of the Jerome Park Reservoir be coped with rock-faced granite. I respectfully ask your approval of this.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 198.

NEW YORK, July 30, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I hand you herewith accompanying bill of L. A. Shove, proprietor of the livery stable at Brewster, N. Y., from January 3 to April 26, 1900.

This bill was incurred for the transportation from Brewster to the dams of men and tools. The bill contains also a few small items for expressage advanced by Shove for the account of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

This bill is respectfully recommended for payment.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the above recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare a proper voucher for the payment of the bill.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 199.

NEW YORK, July 31, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—On the New Croton Dam Division there are several houses, barns and other buildings that should be sold and removed from the property.

I respectfully ask that authority be given to have them sold during the month of August, 1900, at public auction. Yours very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the President and Secretary be authorized to take the necessary steps to perfect the sale at public auction of the buildings above referred to.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 200.

NEW YORK, July 31, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I recommend that Mr. E. W. Purdy, Laborer, be promoted to the position of Axeman. Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that E. W. Purdy be recommended to the Municipal Civil Service Commission for examination for promotion to the grade of Axeman.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Department of Finance:

JULY 28, 1900.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commission:*

SIR—I beg to notify you that a voucher in favor of A. H. Hoffman for $150 for expert services rendered in 1897 at "Cornell" Dam, Sixth Supplemental Proceeding, was inadvertently

charged to "Additional Water Fund of the City of New York" instead of to your account, "Additional Water Fund" (*C*), and that the necessary correction has been made on the books of this Department.

Please have necessary entry made on the books in your office, to carry out the above correction.

Respectfully,

M. T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to have the necessary entry made.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Windolph—

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby empowered to make the necessary promotions and appointments in the Engineer Corps of the Aqueduct Commissioners from the eligible lists as certified by the Municipal Civil Service Commission for such promotions and appointments.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, August 7, 1900, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, August 14, 1900, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, August 21, 1900, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE—On Tuesday, August 28, 1900, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

NOTE—On Tuesday, September 4, 1900, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Friday, September 7, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

NOTE—On Friday, September 7, 1900, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

NOTE—On Tuesday, September 11, 1900, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Friday, September 14, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Friday, September 14, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that Jefferson Groub be elected Secretary pro tem.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The minutes of stated meeting of July 31, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck:

Resolved, That the acompanying bill due the Town of Yorktown, New York, for highway taxes for the year 1900, amounting to three hundred and eleven dollars and fifty cents ($311.50), is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13578 to 13580, inclusive, amounting to $142,896.54, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13582 to 13601, inclusive, amounting to $2,923.99.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the President:

NEW YORK, September 4, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by a resolution adopted by you on July 31, 1900, the following promotions were made, to take effect on August 15, 1900, the persons affected having been certified by the Municipal Civil Service Commission as eligible for such promotions, viz.:

John J. Crane, William J. Garvin and Timothy F. Bowen, from Axemen to Rodmen, at $75 per month.

John A. Rundlett and Benjamin L. Blauvelt, from Rodmen to Levelers, at $1,200 per annum.

Macrae Sykes, from Leveler to Transitman, at $1,500 per annum.

A. S. Nye, Jr., from Transitman to Assistant Engineer, at $1,800 per annum.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. RYAN, President.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the President:

NEW YORK, September 10, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by a resolution adopted by you on July 31, 1900, I have this day appointed Patrick J. Condon as an Inspector of Masonry, at a salary of $4 per day.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. RYAN, President.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Chief Engineer, Report No. 201, dated September 6, 1900, transmitting the following resignation of John D. Grannis, Rodman :

No. 51 CHURCH STREET, WATERBURY, CONN., August 17, 1900.

WILLIAM R. HILL, Esq., *Chief Engineer :*

DEAR SIR—I herewith respectfully tender my resignation as a Rodman under the New York Aqueduct Commission, and to take effect as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,
JOHN D. GRANNIS.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the above resignation be accepted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT No. 202.

NEW YORK, September 14, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit the bill of William Gilmore for cutting weeds along the highway on which the City property abuts, as required by law.

Respectfully,
W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare a voucher for the payment of the bill above referred to, amounting to $235.05.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Communications were presented from James J. McGuire and J. E. Moore, declining appointment as Axeman.

Which were ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Department of Water Supply :

CITY OF NEW YORK, August 24, 1900.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commissioners :*

DEAR SIR—From report which I have from the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that the construction of the Cornell Dam is so far advanced that it will be possible next year to flood and clean up the valley between the Cornell Dam and the old Croton Dam, so as to prepare against discoloration and deterioration of the water which is to be impounded in the new reservoir. The flooding of the valley will require the removal of the house and out-buildings occupied by the Keeper employed by this Department in charge of the Croton Dam Division of the Aqueduct, and will necessitate the erection of proper buildings on other grounds. On the completion of the Cornell Dam and reservoir, it will be necessary for this Department to station there a resident Assistant Engineer and a Foreman in charge of the maintenance work. As the

change in location is made necessary by the work done under the direction of the Aqueduct Commissioners, it is proper that they should provide for the construction of new buildings on a new location.

I recommend, therefore, that the Aqueduct Commissioners make provision for the construction of a building as a residence and office for the Assistant Engineer, a house for the residence of the Foreman, and necessary barn and out-houses on the high ground to the northwest of the old Croton Dam, which is above the flood-line of the new reservoir.

In the construction of these buildings, the materials in the present Keeper's house and outhouses can be utilized.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication, dated July 26, 1900, was received from William S. Beekman, Transitman in the Department of Sewers, requesting to be appointed an Assistant Engineer in this Commission.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Department of Sewers:

NEW YORK, August 31, 1900.

Aqueduct Commissioners, City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—This Department has been informed that several house connections have been made with the sewer, etc., in Potter place, etc., now being constructed by your Commission, without any permits being issued by this Department for such connections.

As this Department is charged with the care and maintenance of all sewers, etc., in the City, you are hereby respectfully notified that an Inspector from this Department will be placed upon said work, in order to report upon the progress and character of the work, to prevent any further house connections being made with said sewer without permits being issued therefor and to have the persons who already have connected with said sewer, secure necessary permits for same. The salary of said Inspector, at $4 per day, will be charged to your Commission.

Respectfully,

THOS. J. BYRNE,
Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx.

Which was referred to the Chief Engineer for investigation and report by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Power—

Resolved, That Claude S. Haynes be and hereby is appointed an Assistant Engineer on Probation, at a salary of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, he having been certified by the Municipal Civil Service Commission as eligible for such appointment; the same to take effect September 17, 1900.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary :

NEW YORK, August 7, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $231.25 has been received from Division Engineer Wegmann, being the amount of rents collected during the month of July, 1900, on buildings on the Croton River Division of the New Croton Aqueduct; which amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain, for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Secretary :

NEW YORK, August 13, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $195 has been received from Peter F. Meyer & Co., auctioneers, being the net proceeds from the sale of buildings standing within the flow-line of the New Croton Reservoir, held on July 27, 1900, which amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received :

HUDSON RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY,
ALBANY, N. Y., August 22, 1900.

Mr. H. W. WALKER, *Secretary, Aqueduct Commission*, No. 280 Broadway, New York City :

DEAR SIR—Referring to the application of this company for permission to erect certain telephone poles on land belonging to The City of New York along the Harlem Railroad. Pursuant to your request of July 30, I beg to inclose herewith in duplicate form of agreement to be executed by both parties hereto. If this meets with your approval, and you will return them, I will have them executed on our part, or you may execute and return them, when one copy will be executed and returned to you.

Yours truly,

H. E. HAWLEY, General Manager.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received :

GUGGENHEIMER, UNTERMYER & MARSHALL,
No. 30 BROAD STREET.
NEW YORK, August 29, 1900.

Kelly & Kelley vs. The City.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commission*, No. 280 Broadway, New York City :

DEAR SIR—We send you herewith the itemized claim of Messrs. Kelly & Kelley, amounting to $19,485.

Will you kindly see that the same receives proper attention, so that early action may be had with respect to it?

Yours very truly,

GUGGENHEIMER, UNTERMYER & MARSHALL.

Which was referred to the Construction or Executive Committee by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication, dated August 21, 1900, was received from Thomas E. Rush, attorney, concerning the reinstatement of Andrew J. Sparrow, formerly employed as a Superintendent of Dam Construction.

Which was laid over by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication, dated August 16, 1900, was received from certain of the employees of the Engineer Corps at the Jerome Park Reservoir.

Which was ordered filed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication, dated August 3, 1900, was received from W. J. O'Brien, representing the Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union, in relation to a former communication from said union, dated April 24, 1900, concerning the cause of the recent strike at the New Croton Dam, etc.

Which was laid over by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of July 31, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for

Double Reservoir "I"	$771 83
Reservoir "D"	13,251 25
Cornell Dam	62,742 30
	$76,765 38

—leaving a balance to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund" of $488,961.41.

Which was ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

JEFFERSON GROUB, Secretary pro tem.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, September 18, 1900, *at* 11 *o'clock A. M.*

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of adjourned meeting of September 14, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,602 to 13,620 inclusive, amounting to $726.20.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred back to the Commissioners a communication of the Hudson River Telephone Company, dated August 22, 1900, transmitting form of agreement concerning the placing of certain telephone poles, etc., on property of The City of New York, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary is directed to inform the Hudson River Telephone Company that the agreement sent by them in response to a communication of the Secretary bearing date July 30, 1900, setting forth the action of the Aqueduct Commissioners at a meeting of said Commissioners held on July 26, 1900, be returned to said Hudson River Telephone Company as not conforming to the action of the Commissioners above referred to.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, September 17, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $300.50 has been received from Division Engineer Wegmann, being the amount of rents collected on buildings on the Croton River Divis-

ion during the month of August, 1900; said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the communication be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received:

GUGGENHEIMER, UNTERMYER & MARSHALL.
No. 30 BROAD STREET,
NEW YORK, September 18, 1900.

Board of Aqueduct Commissioners, 280 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIRS—We are the attorneys for Messrs. Kelly & Kelley, who have filed a claim for extra work and materials furnished in the construction of overflow and blow-off sewers, water-pipes and appurtenances, in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir. We would respecfully request that your Board fix a time when we can be heard before you finally pass upon the claim.

Yours, very truly,

GUGGENHEIMER, UNTERMYER & MARSHALL.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt of the above communication and to inform Guggenheimer, Untermyer & Marshall that should a time be fixed for a hearing in connection with the matter referred to therein they will be notified.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, September 25, 1900, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, October 2, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of September 18, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the accompanying bill for school taxes for 1900, due School District No. 6, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York, amounting to ninety-four dollars and eighty-six cents ($94.86), is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13629 and 13630, amounting to $61,651.91, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13631 to 13638, inclusive, amounting to $599.33.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 203.

NEW YORK, October 2, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully ask your approval of plan dated June 4, 1900, of Gate-house No. 5 of Jerome Park Reservoir.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the plan be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 204.

NEW YORK, October 2, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Referring to a communication addressed to your Honorable Board by Thomas J. Byrne, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx, dated August 31, 1900, I would report that four house-connections were made with the sewer being constructed in Potter place. These connections were allowed to be made by the contractors and without any authority from this Department.

Messrs. Kelly & Kelley have been ordered, and are now engaged in cleaning the sewer from Mosholu Parkway to Manhole No. 9. When this is done, if it meets with your approval, I can see no objection to the Department of Sewers permitting connections to be made.

Yours very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the report be ordered filed and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy thereof to Mr. Byrne.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, October, 2, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to respectfully report that the sum of $246.50 has been received from Division Engineer Wegmann, being the amount of rents collected on buildings on the Croton River Division of the New Aqueduct during the month of September, 1900. Said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Power moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Municipal Civil Service Commission, together with declinations of appointment of all the persons named therein, with the exception of Claude S. Haynes, who was appointed on September 14, 1900, and stated that he had requested new eligible lists from which three Levelers and one Assistant Engineer could be appointed:

NEW YORK, September 14, 1900.

HARRY W. WALKER, Esq., *Secretary, Aqueduct Commissioners' Office:*

DEAR SIR—Replying to your requisition for Leveler to fill three vacancies and for Assistant Engineer to fill one vacancy, I beg to certify the following, subject to receipt of salary to be paid in both instances:

Leveler.

		Per cent.
125.	Donohue, Charles, Commonwealth avenue, West Farms road	93.50
90.	Osborn, Warren M., 331 Greene avenue, Brooklyn	90.60
106.	Rodman, George E., 122 West Eighty-seventh street	89.10
94.	Vermilye, Thomas E., 463 West One Hundred and Forty-fourth street	87.80
123.	Hefele, Joseph F., 3361 Third avenue	86.10

Assistant Engineer.

72.	Oestrich, Henry L., 2092 Bathgate avenue	91.55
87.	Christian, George L., 2245 Bathgate avenue	85.80
94.	Haynes, Claude S., care of Highways Department, Brooklyn	84.87

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the communication be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission:

NEW YORK, October 2, 1900.

HARRY W. WALKER, Esq., *Secretary, Aquduct Commissioners' Office:*

DEAR SIR—Replying to your requisition for names of persons eligible for Assistant Engineer to fill one vacancy, and names of persons eligible for the position of Leveler, I beg to certify as follows:

Assistant Engineer.

		Per cent.
97.	Smith, Courtland E., 1680 Bathgate avenue	81.75
112.	Bonnett, Charles P., Pelham Bay Park, Bartow	81.45
95.	Burden, James, 9 Locust avenue, Troy, N. Y.	81.42

Leveler.

118.	Rogge, Henry, 2640 Willis avenue	85.60
120.	Van Surtendael, Arthur J., 2 Overlook terrace	84.00
110.	Sullivan, Charles B., 599A Macon street, Brooklyn	82.90
83.	Cohen, Walter W., 1236 Fulton avenue	82.60
117.	Lewis, Meyer H., 25 East One Hundred and Fourth street	81.50

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Commissioner Power moved that the communication be referred to the Chief Engineer to communicate with the persons therein named, ascertain their fitness and report back to the Commissioners.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication, dated September 20, 1900, was received from the Assistant Secretary of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, concerning the appointment of Patrick J. Condon as Inspector of Masonry.

Commissioner Power moved that the same be ordered filed.

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received.

HUDSON RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY,
ALBANY, N. Y., September 25, 1900.

Mr. H. W. WALKER, *Secretary, Board of Aqueduct Commissioners, 280 Broadway, New York City:*

DEAR SIR—Answering your favor of the 18th instant. Will you be kind enough to submit agreement to this company as per your letter of June 30? The agreement recently sent you was drawn in accordance with my understanding in the matter, but we shall be very glad to have you modify it in any way you see fit.

Yours truly,

H. E. HAWLEY, General Manager.

Commissioner Power moved that the communication be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication dated September 21, 1900, was received from Deputy Comptroller Daly of the Department of Finance, stating that a Mrs. Gaskell of No 504 West Forty-third street, Borough of Manhattan, had called at his office to protest against the manner in which the dirt and refuse was being piled up on her property by contractors Kelly & Kelley.

Whereupon the Chief Engineer verbally stated that the dirt and refuse had been removed by the contractors.

Commissioner Power moved that the communication be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication dated August 3, 1900, from W. J. O'Brien, representing a committee of the Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Union, which was laid over on September 14, 1900, was then considered.

Commissioner Power moved that the communication be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission :

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 24, 1900.

HARRY W. WALKER, Esq., *Secretary, Aqueduct Commissioners' Office :*

DEAR SIR—I beg to advise that James McCartney of Ardsley, New York, has successfully passed examination for promotion to the position of Inspector of Masonry, receiving 91.36 per cent., and is therefore eligible for such promotion when requisition is made.

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that James McCartney, Mason, be promoted to Inspector of Masonry, at a salary of $4 per day, the same to take effect immediately.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication, dated October 1, 1900, was received from Frank H. Warder, Stenographer, requesting to be recommended to the Civil Service Commission for examination for promotion.

Commissioner Ryan moved that the request be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of August 31, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for

Cornell Dam	$11,030 86
Double Reservoir "I"	472 36
Reservoir "D"	33 00
	$11,536 22

—leaving a balance to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund" of $354,135.87.

Which was ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE—On Tuesday, October 9, 1900, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, October 16, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of October 2, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the following bills for taxes for 1900 on property taken in fee by The City of New York for the construction of the New Croton Aqueduct, etc., are hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment, viz. :

School District No. 7, Town of Yorktown, N. Y.	$151 51
School District No. 13, Town of Bedford, N. Y.	3 40
School District No. 8, Towns of Lewisboro and North Salem, N. Y.	125 84
School District No. 6, Town of North Salem, N. Y.	239 06
School District No. 9, Town of Bedford, N. Y.	6 92

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimate contained in Voucher No. 13639, amounting to $73,318.45, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13643 to 13655 inclusive, amounting to $808.66.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 205.

NEW YORK, October 16, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I recommend your approval of the plan of the New Croton Dam, dated October 16, 1900.

Yours, very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the recommendation be accepted and adopted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
October 6, 1900.

Hon. HARRY W. WALKER, *Secretary, Aqueduct Commission :*

DEAR SIR—I beg to advise you that on September 27, 1900, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) was deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund."

Respectfully,

M. T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, October 23, 1900 the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, October 30, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of October 16, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the accompanying bill for school taxes for the year 1900 on property taken in fee by The City of New York for the construction of the New Croton Aqueduct, amounting to four hundred and six dollars and fifty cents ($406.50), is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the following bills for taxes for the year 1900 on property taken in fee by The City of New York for the construction of the New Croton Aqueduct, etc., are hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment, viz.:

School District No. 9, Town of Somers, N. Y	$65 06
School District No. 7, Town of Bedford, N. Y.	25 11
School District No. 6, Town of Bedford, N. Y.	17 29
School District No. 4, Town of Somers, N. Y.	80 06

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13663 to 13680, inclusive, amounting to $1,610.92.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 206.

NEW YORK, October 30, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—Relating to the communication of Mr. Lee Phillips, Secretary, Municipal Civil Service Commission, addressed to Harry W. Walker, your Secretary, dated October 2, 1900, I would report that I have communicated with all the persons named therein.

I have had a personal interview with Courtland E. Smith, Arthur J. Van Surtendael and Meyer H. Lewis. They have shown satisfactory references and other qualifications.

The following named have sent letters declining to make application for appointment: Charles P. Bonnett, James Burden, Charles B. Sullivan and Walter W. Cohen.

Henry Rogge has failed to reply to my communication.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

In connection therewith President Ryan verbally reported that on October 23, 1900, he made the following appointments on probation, viz.:

	Per annum.
Courtland E. Smith, Assistant Engineer	$1,800 00
Arthur J. Van Surtendael, Leveler	1,200 00
Meyer H. Lewis, Leveler	1,200 00

Commissioner Power moved that the report of the Chief Engineer be filed and that the action of the President be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 207.

NEW YORK, October 23, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to inform you that Charles G. Gustafson, employed as Draughtsman in this Department, died October 16, 1900.

Yours very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the report be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT No. 209.

NEW YORK, October 30, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—Referring to the communication from Hon. William Dalton, Commissioner of Water Supply, dated August 24, 1900, addressed to your President, Hon. J. J. Ryan, relating to the construction of buildings near the Old Croton Dam for an office for an Assistant Engineer and residence for a Foreman, with necessary barn and storehouse, I would report that I have had a conference with Mr. George W. Birdsall, Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply, and that we unite as to what is required.

A preliminary estimate of the cost of a stone building for the office and residence is $29,000, and for a stone barn and stone storehouse $12,000.

I recommend that the buildings be constructed and you accept the following proposal from Messrs. Werner & Windolph, architects, to furnish the necessary plans and specifications and to supervise the construction of the building :

"NEW YORK, October 26, 1900.

"We propose to prepare plans, specifications and to superintend the construction of a residence and office, stable and storehouse, at the Old Croton Dam for an amount equal to five per cent. on the total cost on the work and the necessary traveling expenses, the five per cent. to be paid in installments as follows :

" Preliminary studies, general drawings and specifications	$1,000 00
" Detail drawing	400 00
" Supervision, balance of	5 per cent.

" Payments are due as drawings are furnished and the payments for supervision in proportional installments, as payments become due to the builders or artisans.

" After the design has been agreed to and the drawings prepared any material alterations made are to be charged for extra according to time involved.

" Drawings are to be paid for, whether the work is carried on or not ; the drawings and specifications, as instruments of service, are the property of the architects.

" Consultation fees are based according to the time involved and the importance of the work. If the work proceeds, however, they will be included in the full commission.

" A sufficient number of sets of prints or drawings and typewritten specifications to be furnished for estimating on the work.

"(Signed) WERNER & WINDOLPH."

Awaiting your further orders, I am,

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the report be approved, and that the Chief Engineer be authorized to order the work done by Werner & Windolph, as above set forth.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT No. 208.

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 23, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—Along the Croton river, between Katonah and the Putnam County line, it will be necessary to build about six miles of wire fencing in order to prevent cattle from polluting the

water. I have received proposals from four parties to furnish the materials, labor and tools to perform the work.

Thad. K. Green, of Katonah, proposes to furnish and set the posts at 22 cents each and the wire fence in place at 49 cents per rod.

Oscar Miersch, of Purdy's Station, proposes to furnish and set the posts at 25 cents each and the wire fence in place at 52 cents per rod.

David Jennings, of Golden's Bridge, proposes to furnish and set the posts at 27½ cents each and the wire fence in place at 52 cents per rod.

William Gilmore, of Croton Falls, proposes to furnish and set the posts at 20 cents each and the wire fence in place at 65 cents per rod.

As Mr. Green is the lowest bidder I recommend that the work be assigned to him.

The cost of the above work I estimate will not exceed $1,600.

In addition to the above work it will be necessary to rebuild old stone walls, etc. I estimate the cost of this work at about $400.

Thad. K. Green proposes to furnish the labor and tools at $1.55 per day and teams $3.50 per day.

Oscar Miersch proposes to furnish the labor and tools at $1.62½ per day and teams $3.75 per day.

David Jennings proposes to furnish the labor and tools at $1.60 per day and teams $4 per day.

William Gilmore proposes to furnish the labor and tools at $1.65 per day and teams $3.75 per day.

I recommend that this work also be assigned to Mr. Thad. K. Green, he being the lowest bidder.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the recommendations of the Chief Engineer be approved and that he be authorized to order the work done by Thaddeus K. Green, as set forth in the above report.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, October 23, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that check for $703.40, drawn to the order of "Board of Aqueduct Commissioners," has been received from Peter F. Meyer & Co., auctioneers, being the net proceeds of sale at public auction, held October 12, 1900, of buildings standing within the purchase line of the New Croton Reservoir. Said check has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain, for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Secretary :

NEW YORK, October 30, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $693 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Gowen, being the amount of rent collected on buildings on the New Croton Dam Division to and including September, 1900. Said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

President Ryan verbally stated that he had been served with a peremptory writ of mandamus in the case of Andrew J. Sparrow, formerly employed as Superintendent of Dam Construction.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Power moved that the writ, together with a communication dated August 21, 1900, of Thomas E. Rush, attorney for said Sparrow, which communication was laid over on September 14, 1900, be referred to the Corporation Counsel, through Mr. Crowell, one of his assistants, who was present at this meeting.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication dated October 29, 1900, was received from the Corporation Counsel in reference to a bill of William V. Molloy, Sheriff of Westchester County, for $210, and of Louis W. Elliott for $21.25, for the use of a horse by the deputy sheriffs in connection with the dispossess proceedings against John Owen, and stating that said bills should be paid by the Aqueduct Commissioners.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be authorized to prepare proper vouchers for the payment of said bills.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
October 23, 1900.

Hon. HARRY W. WALKER, *Secretary, Aqueduct Commission*, No. 280 Broadway, City :

DEAR SIR—I beg to advise you that on October 22, 1900, the sum of one million and ninety-one thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars ($1,091,870) was deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," being bonds sold at $1,091,870, viz. :

Bonds	$1,000,000 00
And premium	91,870 00

Respectfully,

M. T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of September 30, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for the month ending September 30, 1900, as follows :

Double Reservoir "I"	$194,178 82
Cornell Dam	5,807 07
	$199,985 89
Bonds issued, September 27	$100,000 00

Balance to the credit of the Additional Water Fund of $99,345.49.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the same be ordered entered u pon the books of the Commissioners and filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received :

The Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Lewisboro, respectfully ask your Honorable Board for the privilege of changing the highway along and through Parcels 438 and 439 of the land taken for Croton Reservoir about as shown in the tracings herewith forwarded to you. The change contemplated will be a great improvement to the highway.

Respectfully yours,

WILL C. HULL,
GEO. W. HUNT, } Commissioners of Highways,

Dated this 4th day October, 1900.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be referred to the Chief Engineer.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—Tuesday, November 6, 1900, being a legal holiday, the meeting stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, November 13, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of October 30, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,682 to 13,684, inclusive, amounting to $137,283.69.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, November 13, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report that the sum of $257.50 has been received at this office from Division Engineer Wegman, being the amount of rents collected during the month of October, 1900, on buildings on the Croton River Division of the New Aqueduct. Said amount has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission :

NEW YORK, November 10, 1900.

HARRY W. WALKER, Esq., *Secretary, Aqueduct Commissioners' Office :*

DEAR SIR—I beg to advise that Frank H. Warder, of No. 308 West Thirtieth street, has successfully passed promotion examination to Fifth Grade Stenographer in the Aqueduct Commission, receiving 94.80 per cent., and is eligible for certification when requisition is made.

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Commissioner Power moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners the following communication, with the recommendation that the communication and the subject-matter thereof be referred to the Corporation Counsel :

GUGGENHEIMER, UNTERMYER & MARSHALL,
No. 30 BROAD STREET,
NEW YORK, August 29, 1900.

KELLY & KELLEY vs. THE CITY.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commission*, 280 Broadway, New York City :

DEAR SIR—We send you herewith the itemized claim of Messrs. Kelly & Kelley, amounting to $19,485.

Will you kindly see that the same receives proper attention, so that early action may be had with respect to it ?

Yours very truly,

GUGGENHEIMER, UNTERMYER & MARSHALL.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the above recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following was received :

NEW YORK, November 15, 1900.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commissioners :*

DEAR SIR—I herewith tender my resignation as Purveyor to the Aqueduct Commissioners, to take effect at the pleasure of the Board.

Very respectfully,

JEFFERSON GROUB,

Commissioner Windolph moved that the above resignation be accepted, to take effect November 15, 1900.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Aqueduct Commissioners greatly regret that Jefferson Groub has separated himself from the work of this Commission, and desire to formally place upon the records an evidence of their appreciation of the ability and fidelity displayed by him in the discharge of his duties as Purveyor to the Board of Aqueduct Commissioners and of the excellent services rendered by him in every respect.

Commissioner Power moved that the above be spread in full on the minutes.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Power moved that the Commissioners ask for the transfer of John J. Daly, Examiner in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts, to the position of Purveyor in the office of the Aqueduct Commissioners, at a salary of $2,000 per annum, providing that the same conforms to the Civil Service rules.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Power, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Thursday, November 15, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Thursday, November 15, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present –Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,685 to 13,707, inclusive, amounting to $2,404.47.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 210.

NEW YORK, November 14, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—This is to inform you that Terence Reilly, Laborer, who was employed at Shaft No. 25, died November 13, 1900.

Yours very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 211.

NEW YORK, November 14, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—Relating to the petition of Will C. Hull and George W. Hunt, Commissioners of Highways, asking the privilege of changing the highway along and through Parcels Nos.

438 and 439, I would report that, inasmuch as a like improvement can be made by keeping outside the property of the City, I would recommend that their request be denied.

Yours very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the report be laid over.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

President Ryan verbally reported that, pursuant to authority conferred upon him by a resolution adopted July 31, 1900, he did on November 9, 1900, appoint Joseph S. Windells, of No. 316 Throop avenue, Brooklyn, an Assistant Engineer on probation, at a salary of $1,800 per annum, and asked that his action be approved.

Commissioner Power moved that the action of the President be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of November 1, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners during the month of October, 1900.

Reservoir "D"	$544 77
Double Reservoir "I"	861 70
Reservoir "I"	100 00
Cornell Dam	28,446 05
	$29,952 52

Bonds issued October 22	$1,000,000 00
Premium	91,870 00

—balance to the credit of "Additional Water Fund" of $1,006,253.47.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the same be ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, November 20, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of meetings of November 13 and 15, 1900, were read and approved.

The Commissioners had under consideration Report No. 211 of the Chief Engineer, dated November 14, 1900, recommending that the request of Will C. Hull and George W. Hunt, Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Lewisboro, for a change in the highway along and through Parcels Nos. 438 and 439, be denied, which matter was laid over on November 15, 1900.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of his report to Messrs. Hull and Hunt.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 212.

NEW YORK, November 19, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—The awards having been paid for Parcels Nos. 343 and 395, I recommend that the buildings thereon be sold and removed.

I respectfully ask that authority be given to have them sold at public auction on or about December 13, 1900.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the President and Secretary be authorized to take the necessary steps to perfect the sale of the buildings above referred to.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 213.

NEW YORK, November 19, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—Mr. Arthur J. Van Surtendael, No. 2 Overlook terrace, Yonkers, N. Y., whom your Honorable Board appointed as Leveler on October 23, 1900, having failed to report for duty, I recommend that his appointment be rescinded.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the above recommendation be approved and that Arthur J. Van Surtendael be dismissed from the service of the Commissioners.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 214.

NEW YORK, November 20, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—Prior to perfecting the plans of highway bridges to be built at Pine's Bridge and Golden's Bridge it will be necessary to make some borings, or to dig test pits, to make an examination for a permanent foundation. I respectfully ask authority to have the work done.

It is almost impossible to make a definite estimate of the cost of the work, but I think that it will be in the neighborhood of $200.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the authority asked for by the Chief Engineer be granted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 215.

NEW YORK, November 20, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—On Parcel No. 565 at Croton Falls there is a mill dam across the Croton river which was raised by a former owner to such a height that it backs water during floods over a public highway on the west side of the river. The Road Commissioner has requested that the dam be lowered so as to avoid flooding the highway.

Mr. William Gilmore, of Croton Falls, has made a proposition to do the work at the following prices :

For removing the masonry and placing the stones in the spillway.....	$1 75 per cubic yard.
For additional filling in sluiceway.....	20 "
For cement used in relaying top course of the masonry, including the labor and the sand used.....	3 00 per barrel.

As the prices are reasonable I recommend that the work be assigned to him, the estimated cost of which would be from $100 to $125.

Yours very respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved and that he be authorized to have the work done as set forth in the above report.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 216.

NEW YORK, November 20, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I have received proposals for building the foundation walls for a vault to be built over the valves at Shaft No. 24, as follows:

From Mr. Bart McDonald, of Kingsbridge, New York—

70 cubic yards rubble masonry Portland cement at $8 per cubic yard	$560 00
25 cubic yards earth excavation, including timbering and pumping, 75 cents per cubic yard	18 75
50 cubic yards of refilling at 20 cents per cubic yard	10 00
25 cubic feet cut stone coping at $1 per cubic foot	25 00
Approximate total	$613 75

From The John J. Hart Company, 16 Broad street, New York City—

70 cubic yards rubble masonry Portland cement at $7.50 per cubic yard	$525 00
25 cubic yards earth excavation, including timbering and pumping, 75 cents per cubic yard	18 75
50 cubic yards of refilling at 50 cents per cubic yard	25 00
25 cubic feet cut stone coping at $2 per cubic foot	50 00
Approximate total	$618 75

The above proposals are based upon the approximate quantities of the work to be done, and the final estimate may vary some from the above.

Mr. Bart McDonald being the lowest bidder, I recommend that the work be assigned to him.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved, and that he be authorized to have the work done as set forth in the above report.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received :

KELLY & KELLEY, No. 45 EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET,
NEW YORK, November 16, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners, New York City :

GENTLEMEN—We respectfully ask to be granted an extension of time till June 1, 1901, for completing our contract for building the overflow and blow-off sewer, water pipes and appurtenances in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir, dated September 30, 1899.

As reasons for this application we would say that the winter season prevents the construction of masonry and also reduces the number of working days, on account of bad weather. Also, the difficult character of the work necessitates it being done in short sections at a time, especially so across and along Jerome avenue, where the safety of the public and the continuance of traffic is of vital importance.

Hoping that your Honorable Board may act favorably upon this application, we remain,

Very respectfully,

KELLY & KELLEY.

Commissioner Power moved that Kelly & Kelley, contractors for building overflow and blow-off sewers, etc., in connection with the Jerome Park Reservoir, be granted an additional extension of time to April 1, 1901, in which to complete the said contract, providing, however, their bondsmen enter into stipulations continuing their obligations for and during the completion of said contract under such extension of time.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, November 27, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of November 20, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the accompanying bill for school taxes for the year 1900 on property taken in fee by The City of New York for the construction of the New Croton Reservoir, due School District No. 1, Town of Somers, N. Y., amounting to two hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty-eight cents, is hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13717 to 13725, inclusive, amounting to $624.43.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Chief Engineer :

REPORT NO. 217.

NEW YORK, November 26, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—Referring to Report No. 212, relating to selling the buildings on Parcels Nos. 343 and 395, I would respectfully recommend that the house on Parcel No. 493 be included in the auction as the award on this parcel has been paid.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the recommendation of the Chief Engineer be approved and adopted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was also received from the Chief Engineer:

REPORT NO. 218.

NEW YORK, November 27, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I recommend the dismissal of John R. Soper, Superintendent of Dam Construction, employed on the New Croton Dam, for the following reasons:

On October 29 he was directed by Frederick B. Rogers, Assistant Engineer, to take inspection charge of another part of the masonry to that upon which he had been stationed. This he refused to do. He was then told to report to Charles S. Gowen, Division Engineer, which he also refused to do. He then left the work and has not since returned.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Power moved that the Secretary be directed to serve a copy of the above charges on John R. Soper, and to invite him to appear before the Aqueduct Commissioners at their next stated meeting to answer said charges.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

President Ryan verbally reported that on November 2, 1900, he had asked the Corporation Counsel to consent to the transfer of James McKenna, employed as Computer of Accounts in the Bureau of Street Openings, Law Department, to the position of Transitman and Computer in the Engineer Corps of the Aqueduct Commissioners; that such consent had been given, and that the Municipal Civil Service Commission had been asked to authorize the transfer.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the action of the President be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

President Ryan also verbally reported that on November 26 and 27, respectively, he had asked the Commissioner of Water Supply to consent to the transfer of Clairville E. Benedict, Transitman, and George E. Gregory, Axeman, now in the employ of the Department of Water Supply, to the Engineer Corps of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the action of the President be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Power—

Resolved, That Cornelius Mulcahy, of No. 200 West One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, and Charles M. Risse, of No. 599 Mott avenue, be and hereby are appointed, on probation, as Levelers in the Engineer Corps of the Aqueduct Commissioners, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, they having been certified by the Municipal Civil Service Commission as eligible for such appointment, the same to take effect December 1, 1900.

Resolved, That William B. Caterson, of Pell place, Wakefield, N. Y., and Louis Kuezek, of No. 979 Fairmount place, City, be and hereby are appointed, on probation, as Axemen in the Engineer Corps of the Aqueduct Commissioners at a salary of sixty dollars per month, they having been certified by the Municipal Civil Service Commission as eligible for such appointment, the same to take effect December 1, 1900.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication, dated November 24, 1900, was received from Coleman, Breuchaud & Coleman, contractors for the New Croton Dam.

Commissioner Power moved that the same be referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

NOTE.—On Tuesday, December 4, 1900, the Commissioners adjourned to meet Wednesday, December 5, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Wednesday, December 5, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of November 27, 1900, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That the following bills for school taxes for the year 1900 on property taken in fee by The City of New York for the construction of the New Croton Reservoir are hereby approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment, viz.:

School District No. 5, Town of Cortlandt, N. Y.	$29 39
School District No. 8, Town of Yorktown, N. Y.	121 00
School District No. 9, Town of Yorktown, N. Y.	46 67

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,727 to 13,729, inclusive, amounting to $140,007.45; and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,730 to 13,739, inclusive, amounting to $488.62.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Department of Finance, dated December 4, 1900, returning claim of William V. Molloy, Sheriff of Westchester County, amounting to $210.

Commissioner Power moved that the matter be referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Power—

Resolved, That James McKenna, now employed as Computer of Accounts in the Law Department, be and hereby is transferred and appointed to the position of Transitman and Computer in the Engineer Corps of the Aqueduct Commissioners at a salary of one thousand two hundred dollars per annum, the Municipal Civil Service Commission having authorized such transfer and appointment under date of December 4, 1900, his compensation to begin when he is assigned to duty by the Chief Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Power—

Resolved, That Clairville E. Benedict, now employed as Transitman in the Department of Water Supply, be and hereby is transferred and appointed to the position of Transitman in the Engineer Corps of the Aqueduct Commissioners at a salary of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, the consent of the Commissioner of Water Supply and the authorization of the Municipal Civil Service Commission having been given to such transfer and appointment, his compensation to begin when he is assigned to duty by the Chief Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then proceeded with the hearing in the matter of the charges against John R. Soper, as follows :

REPORT NO. 218.

NEW YORK, November 27, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I recommend the dismissal of John R. Soper, Superintendent of Dam Construction, employed on the New Croton Dam, for the following reasons :

On October 29 he was directed by Frederick B. Rogers, Assistant Engineer, to take inspection charge of another part of the masonry to that upon which he had been stationed. This he refused to do. He was then told to report to Charles S. Gowen, Division Engineer, which he also refused to do. He then left the work and has not since returned.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. HILL, Chief Engineer.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS,
NEW YORK, November 27, 1900.

JOHN R. SOPER, Esq., *Care of Charles S. Gowen, Division Engineer*, New Croton Dam, Sing Sing, New York :

DEAR SIR—I am directed by the Aqueduct Commissioners to transmit to you a copy of Report No. 218 of the Chief Engineer, which was presented at a meeting of the Commissioners held to-day, and to invite you to appear before said Commissioners at their meeting to be held on Tuesday next, December 4, 1900, in answer to the charges contained in said report. A copy of the charges is inclosed.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS,
NEW YORK, December 4, 1900.

JOHN R. SOPER, Esq., *Care of C. S. Gowen, Division Engineer :*

DEAR SIR—This is to notify you that the hearing in the matter of the charges preferred against you by the Chief Engineer, which was to be held at a stated meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners to-day, has been postponed until to-morrow (Wednesday), December 5, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M. ; and you are hereby directed to appear before said Commissioners at such time in answer to said charges.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Charles S. Gowen, Division Engineer, was examined in substantiation of the above charges, and his statement is on file.

John R. Soper, Superintendent of Dam Construction, failed to appear in answer to said charges.

Whereupon Commissioner Power offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, John R. Soper, Superintendent of Dam Construction, having refused, when directed by Assistant Engineer Frederick B. Rogers to report to Division Engineer Gowen for other duty than that which he was then performing on the New Croton Dam, and said Soper thereupon abandoned the work and has not since reported for duty, and has failed to take cognizance of the communications addressed to him by the Secretary of this Board to appear this day to show cause why he should not be removed from the position of Superintendent of Dam Construction ; therefore be it

Resolved, That John R. Soper, Superintendent of Dam Construction, be and he is hereby dismissed from the service of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received:

DECEMBER 1, 1900.

W. R. HILL, Esq.:

DEAR SIR—I regret to say that I am unable to accept your appointment as Leveler, as it is too far away, and family reasons would prevent me from going any distance from the city at present.

Thanking you for the appointment, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

C. MULCAHY.

Whereupon, Commissioner Power moved that the declination of appointment of Cornelius Mulcahy, who was appointed on probation as a Leveler on November 27, 1900, be accepted, and that he be dismissed from the service of the Commissioners.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, December 11, 1900, *at* 11 *o'clock A. M.*

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of adjourned meeting of December 5, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,741 to 13,749, inclusive, amounting to $1,032.23.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, December 11, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—This is to report the receipt of check of Division Engineer E. Wegmann on the Irving National Bank, for $292.38, being for rents collected on the Croton river division of the New Croton Aqueduct during the month of November, 1900. Said check has been transmitted to the City Chamberlain, for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and his receipt therefor is on file.

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received :

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, December 5, 1900.

Hon. JOHN J. RYAN, *President, Aqueduct Commission :*

DEAR SIR—By direction of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, I beg to advise you that the proposed transfer of John J. Daly, Examiner in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts, to the position of Purveyor in the Aqueduct Commission, is in accordance with law and the provisions of the Civil Service rules, and the same is hereby authorized accordingly within the appropriate grade of compensation.

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Whereupon Commissioner Power offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, On November 13, 1900, the Aqueduct Commissioners adopted a resolution asking for the transfer of John J. Daly, Examiner in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts, to the position of Purveyor in the office of the Aqueduct Commissioners, at a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, conditional upon the same conforming to the Civil Service rules ; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of Accounts, under date of November 15, 1900, stated that they had no objection to the proposed transfer, and the Municipal Civil Service Commission having authorized said transfer in the above communication of its Secretary ; therefore be it

Resolved, That John J. Daly be and he is hereby transferred from the position of Examiner in the office of the Commissioner of Accounts and appointed to the position of Purveyor in the office of the Aqueduct Commissioners, at a compensation of two thousand dollars per annum, the same to take effect on December 15, 1900.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Power—

Whereas, The Municipal Civil Service Commission having certified under date of November 10, 1900, that Frank H. Warder had successfully passed promotion examination to Fifth Grade Stenographer ; therefore be it

Resolved, That Frank H. Warder be and he is hereby promoted to Fifth Grade Stenographer, at a compensation of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, the same to take effect on and after December 15, 1900.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Power—

Resolved, That Herrmann Blumenthal, Clerk, having been promoted to the Fifth Grade, his compensation be and hereby is fixed at eighteen hundred dollars ($1,800) per annum, the same to take effect on and after December 15, 1900.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Power—

Resolved, That the compensation of Frank P. Masterson, Auditor, be and hereby is fixed at twenty-four hundred dollars ($2,400) per annum, the same to take effect on and after December 15, 1900.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Tuesday, December 18, 1900, *at* 11 *o'clock A. M.*

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

The minutes of stated meeting of December 11, 1900, were read and approved.

Commissioner Ten Eyck, as Chairman of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 13,750 to 13,756, inclusive, amounting to $1,176.32.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners' Report No. 219 of the Chief Engineer, dated December 18, 1900, accompanied by a communication of Division Engineer Wegmann, dated December 7, 1900, relating to the rental of Parcel No. 339, occupied by Mary A. Parent.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the Secretary be directed to make inquiries in the Department of Finance and report the result thereof to the Commissioners.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from the Department of Finance, dated December 17, 1900, in relation to the contract for the construction of the New Croton Dam.

Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the communication be referred to the Construction or Executive Committee.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received:

CROTON-ON-HUDSON, N. Y., December 12, 1900.

To the Honorable the Aqueduct Commissioners, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—The extension of time which you granted us June 23, 1899, will expire on the 1st proximo.

We respectfully request a further extension of time of two years, for the reasons mainly stated in our letter of May 1, 1899, as the work cannot be fully completed in less time, although every man and machine that can be used for speedy and complete work is now and has been used by us in carrying out our contract with the City.

It might not be out of place to make a comparison with other works that have been recently completed. For instance, all the contracts let by the Aqueduct Commissioners have taken from 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. more time to complete than was originally named in the contract.

The only works of similar character in the world that approach in magnitude the New Croton Dam contract with which we could fairly make a comparison are the Furens Dam and the Vyrnwy Dam in England, the latter being about half the size of the New Croton Dam and requiring about eleven years to complete.

To cite some of the reasons why you should extend the time for two years from the 1st of January, 1901, I will mention that you originally intended, when you let the contract and named the time as seven years, to build only about 550,000 cubic yards of masonry. You have changed your plans from time to time, as you had the right to do, so that when the work is completed there will be about 750,000 cubic yards of masonry; this item in itself would require two years' additional time. But in addition you have, in changing your plans, increased the item of earth excavation from about 600,000 cubic yards to about 1,400,000 cubic yards, upon which we could reasonably ask two years' additional time. The item of rock excavation will also be increased from about 300,000 cubic yards to about 350,000 cubic yards. This item would fairly require an additional year's time.

Many of the other items in the contract have been proportionately increased, therefore we respectfully request that you extend our time from the 1st of January, 1901, to January 1, 1903.

Yours respectfully,

COLEMAN, BREUCHAUD & COLEMAN.

Whereupon Commissioner Power offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Application has been made by Coleman, Breuchaud & Coleman, assignees of Coleman, Ryan & Brown, contractors, for an extension of time to January 1, 1903, in which to complete their contract for building the New Croton Dam, on Croton river, at Cornell site, in the Town of Cortlandt, Westchester County, New York; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Aqueduct Commissioners hereby grant to Coleman, Breuchaud & Coleman, assignees of Coleman, Ryan & Brown, contractors, an additional extension of time to January 1, 1902, in which to complete the contract above referred to, providing their bondsmen shall, within ten days from the date hereof, enter into stipulations continuing their obligations for and during the completion of said contract under said extension of time, which is hereby allowed to them as further time for the performance of said contract.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

A communication was received from George B. Bosworth, Clerk, dated December 12, 1900.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

By Commissioner Ten Eyck—

Resolved, That Louis H. Piser, of No. 2695 Third avenue, city, be and hereby is appointed on probation, as Rodman in the Engineer Corps of the Aqueduct Commissioners, at a compensation of seventy-five dollars per month, he having been certified by the Municipal Civil Service Commission as eligible for such appointment; his compensation to begin when he is assigned to duty by the Chief Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Power, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Friday, December 21, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Friday, December 21, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

On motion of Commissioner Power, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Wednesday, December 26, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Wednesday, December 26, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

On motion of Commissioner Power, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Friday, December 28, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 207 Stewart Building, on Friday, December 28, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Ryan (President), Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph.

Commissioner Windolph moved that Frank P. Masterson be elected Secretary pro tem.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The minutes of meetings of December 18 and 21, 1900, were read and approved.

The following communication was received from the Secretary:

NEW YORK, December 26, 1900.

To the Aqueduct Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—In regard to Report No. 219 of the Chief Engineer, dated December 18, 1900, which was referred to me at a meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners held on the 19th instant, I would state that I am in receipt of a communication from the Department of Finance stating that on June 28, 1900, the sum of $216 was received by said Department as an amount of rental due the City by Mary A. Parent and deposited to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund."

Respectfully,

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Commissioner Power moved that the same be ordered filed.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred to the Commissioners Report No. 220 of the Chief Engineer, dated December 21, 1900, relating to the communication of Edgar J. Levey, Deputy Comptroller, dated December 17, 1900, concerning the New Croton Dam, with the recommendation that a copy of said Report No. 220, together with Estimate No. 98 for the New Croton Dam, be transmitted to the Comptroller in answer to the communication from his Department above referred to.

Commissioner Power moved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved and adopted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The following communication was received from the Municipal Civil Service Commission :

NEW YORK, December 22, 1900.

HARRY W. WALKER, Esq., *Secretary, Aqueduct Commission :*

DEAR SIR—By direction of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, I beg to advise you that the proposed transfer of George E. Gregory, Axeman in the Department of Water Supply, to the same position in your Department, is in accordance with law and the provisions of the Civil Service rules, and the same is authorized accordingly, within the appropriate grade of compensation.

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Commissioner Windolph moved that the same be laid over.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

The Comptroller, under date of December 1, 1900, gave notice of the issue of warrants for the payment of vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for

Double Reservoir "I"	$385 49
Cornell Dam	9,275 22
	$9,660 71

—leaving a balance to the credit of the "Additional Water Fund" of $842,314.87.

Which was ordered entered upon the books of the Commissioners and filed, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Commissioners Ryan, Ten Eyck, Power and Windolph—4.

On motion of Commissioner Power, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on Wednesday, January 2, 1901, at 11 o'clock A. M.

FRANK P. MASTERSON, Secretary pro tem.

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